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Guest Speaker: Dan Winkler

9:00 a.m.
I Want to Belong to the Church That Belongs to God
(Is there just one?)

10:00 a.m.
Which Church Is the Church That Belongs to God?
(The answer may surprise you)

We're glad you're here!

By Dan Jenkins

Listen to What You Say to Others

He had no idea how he spoke to his family, and the attitude shown by his words was impacting his wife and kids. He would never curse or use profanity, but the tone in what he said really hurt. His wife wondered how to deal with this. So, she secretly recorded what he was saying, and then let him hear the impact his words were having. When he listened to the recording, he was shocked. He had no idea how what he said and the way he said it sounded to others and the impact it was having on his family.

Your words may not be recorded by others, but God remembers every word

Think about how you treat your family and whether or not what you say and the tone you use would ever be used in a public way when talking to people you hardly know.

Have you thought of what the Bible says about these matters? Let me urge you to read the following verses carefully, and let them impact what you say to others, especially those closest to you.

"Let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth, but what is good for necessary edification that it may impart grace to the hearers" (Eph. 4:29).

"But fornication and all uncleanness or covetousness, let it not even be named among you, as is fitting for saints, neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor coarse jesting, which are not fitting, but rather the giving of thanks" (Eph. 5:3-4).

"Let all bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor (a rarely used English word, the Greeks indicates "loud quarreling"—dj), and evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice. And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you" (Eph. 4:31-32).

"For every idle word men may speak, they will give account of it in the day of judgment. For by your words you will be justified, and by your words, you will be condemned" (Matt. 12:36-37).

"And the tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity. The tongue is so set among our members that it defiles the whole body, and sets on fire the course of nature; and it is set on fire by hell" (Jas. 3:6).

"For to this you were called, because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that you should follow His steps...who, when He was reviled, did not revile in return; when He suffered, He did not threaten, but committed Himself to Him who judges righteously" (1 Pet. 2:21-23).

That wife who recorded her husband's words listened to that recording and discovered her tone and her words were part of the problem. Tragically, we feel justified about our own actions and are worse to our family than to total strangers. Think about this.

By David Sproule

Give Me the Bible, Not "Sola Scriptura" (Part 5 of 6)

It is the responsibility of every responsible Bible student to "[handle] aright the word of truth" (2 Tim. 2:15, ASV). Handling it "aright" clearly warns against handling it "a-wrong." Therefore, we must recognize that we have no authority to "go beyond" (ESV) or even "think beyond what is written" (1 Cor. 4:6). We have no authority to "speak" beyond what is written, for we must speak only "the oracles of God" (1 Pet. 4:11). We have no authority to create "divisions" by speaking, thinking or going beyond what is written (1 Cor. 1:10). That is our clear, God-given responsibility, as we handle "aright" His Word.

The singular, objective, final revelation that we hold within our hands

While such should never even cross the mind of finite man when it comes to the infinite God, the Bible repeatedly commands, "You shall not add to the word which I command you, nor take from it" (Deut. 4:2). "You shall not add to it nor take away from it" (Deut. 12:32). "Do not add to His words" (Prov. 30:6). "If anyone adds to these things, God will add to him the plagues that are written in this book; and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part from the Book of Life, from the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book" (Rev. 22:18-19).

There is only one gospel, one truth, one faith, one final revelation from God, but some "want to pervert the gospel of Christ" (Gal. 1:6-7), so we are warned about "anyone" who would preach "any other gospel" (1:8-9) or "bring" to us something other than "the doctrine of Christ" (2 John 9-11). It is dangerously "vain" for individuals to go around "teaching as doctrines the commandments of men" (Matt. 15:9). We must "speak THE truth" (Eph. 4:15) and "preach THE word" (2 Tim. 4:2), recognizing the singular, objective, final revelation that we hold within our hands.

The Bible is full of examples of individuals who chose to go beyond God's Word, thus going beyond God's authority for them. Nadab and Abihu, priests in the Old Testament, offered "unauthorized fire before the Lord," and as a result, "fire came out from before the Lord and consumed them" (Lev. 10:1 -2, ESV). Moses chose to "strike the rock," rather than "speak to the rock," as instructed by God, and as a result, he was not permitted to enter "into the land" of promise (Num. 20:7-12). Uzzah was improperly transporting the ark of the covenant, and he "put out his hand to the ark of God and took hold of it," when God had instructed to "not touch any holy thing" (Num. 4:15), and as a result, "he died there by the ark of God" (2 Sam. 6:3-7).

We must respect and obey God's Word, lest we "be punished with everlasting destruction" (2 Thess. 1:8-9).

By Robert Lupo

What Thoughts and Prayers Can Do

We've seen it more times than we can count. A great public tragedy will strike our nation, and we don't know what to say but we want others to know that we care. Often, we fall back on a phrase that is tried and true: "Thoughts and prayers." In an instant, we communicate our sympathy and faith that God is watching over the situation.

However, these days, such a post is likely to produce as much ridicule as it does solidarity. Critics would much rather chastise you for stating what they see as a trite sentiment and not making a political statement that they agree with. How is it that a phrase like "thoughts and prayers" becomes divisive?

We need to realize that those who criticize this kind of thing do so from an atheistic mindset. To them, saying you are praying about something holds no tangible value because there is no God to answer. At best, they see these words as the futile exercise of a superstitious simpleton. At worst, they assume you lack any real compassion and accuse you of self-righteousness. If only they understood what the power of prayer truly is.

Each Wednesday, we gather as a congregation to pray about things that are on our minds. We pray for sick family members and coworkers, wayward brothers and sisters in Christ, and those mourning deaths. After reading each name, we bow our heads and ask our Lord in heaven in one accord to hear these prayers. We do not spend all this time in prayer just because it makes feel warm and fuzzy. We pray because we there is a God who has the power to answer.

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The Bible tells us over and over that God answers the prayers of faithful Christians. James 5:16 famously tells us, "The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much." Jesus says in John 15:7, "If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you." All we must do is truly believe it. Mark 11:24 states, "...whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them." What an amazing privilege we have!

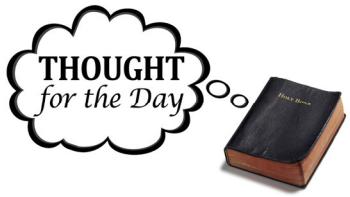
But what happens if we don't really believe it? What if we let "thoughts and prayers" become nothing more than a empty slogan or a copout because we can't think of "anything better to say"? Then we prove the cynics right. Brethren, if we type "thoughts and prayers" and never take the time to actually pray it, then we become exactly who they say we are: hypocrites.

Prayer was not given to us to generate likes and virtual pats on the back. Prayer changes the world!

Articles Published in **PBL Family News Emails** Last Week

He knows what is in each person

When Jesus was on this earth, "He knew what was in man" (John 2:25). He knew their hearts and their thoughts (Matt. 9:4), without them saying a thing to Him. That should not surprise us, as God "looks at the heart" (1 Sam. 16:7), and He "alone know[s] the hearts of all" (1 Kgs. 8:39; Acts 1:24).



Now, we could read those verses and come away with trepidation that God "sees in secret" (Matt. 6:6) and "knows the secrets of the heart" (Psa. 44:21). Or, we could remember that Jesus came to "be made like His brethren," so that He could "be a merciful and faithful High Priest…to appear in the presence of God for us…to make intercession for" us (Heb. 2:17; 9:24; 7:25). When my heart is heavy, He knows. When my heart is sad, He knows. When my heart is nervous, He knows. When my heart is empty, He knows. When my heart is happy, He knows. When my heart is at peace, He knows.

Rather than be scared that God knows me intimately, let me take great comfort that God knows me intimately. – *DS*

Dear devil,

You keep trying to tempt me to sin against my God! Sometimes it looks really good! Sometimes I think it wouldn't be that big of a deal! Sometimes I think about the fact that no one would even know about it! Sometimes I see how close I can get without crossing that line! Sometimes I let my emotions and what feels good get the better of me. Sometimes I put myself in situations that I shouldn't, and I know I shouldn't, but I keep doing it. Hey devil, I'm done with your "sometimes" game!

You need to know that I know that Jesus is stronger than you! You need to know that I know that I am stronger than you, with Jesus on my side! You need to know that I know that you are NOT my friend and do NOT have my best/eternal interests at heart!

So, today, I am resisting you steadfast in the faith! Today, I am abstaining and fleeing from your harmful efforts! Today, I am saturating my heart with Scripture and leaning on God to help me! And, tomorrow, I'm going to do all of that again! Now, go away! Not sincerely yours… – *DS*

Pray for These PBL Members

Jimmie Banks	scheduled for surgery on May 22
Ed Buonadonna	bruised from an accident, recovering from a concussion
Dianne Halenda	severe leg pain, awaiting test results
Ophelia Holmes	will be in JFK Medical Center on 5/2 for more testing
Lynne Jorgensen	recovering from cataract surgery
Charlene Knowles	fell and has a fractured shoulder
Tiffany Mayes	PBG Medical Center, fluid around her heart, testing
Cheryl Milton	surgery postponed until June
Jackie Stout	slowly improving from her hip replacement
Amy West	still recovering from her fall

Ongoing Health Issues

Jimmie Banks	dialysis treatments
Judy Carmack	chronic health issues
John Loftis	back pain, weakness
Tiffany Mayes	dialysis treatments
Joel Ramirez	dialysis treatments
Sherri Richmond	multiple health issues
Henry Williams	dialysis treatments

Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members

Judy Chilcutt	Stephen Beliech's sister, under Hospice Care
Thelma Findley	Maria Hackshaw's mother, recovering at home
Weston Nesbitt	Bret & Shelley Nesbitt's son, bulging disc in his spine
Linda Smith	Jermaine Smith's mother, recovering from cancer surg.
Margie Willis	Shelley Nesbitt's mother, dealing with bronchitis

Pray for Our Shut-Ins

Millie Ames
Josie Dawson
Zula Garrett
Dick Haines
Loretta Holaday
Daniel Johnson
Kasandra Jones
Leigh Puckett
Maurine Reed
Don Seay
Ricky Smedley

Church Family **Calendar of Events**

Sunday, May 4

- **Friends & Family Day with Dan Winkler.** The theme is "The Church That Belongs to God?" There will be a combined Bible Class at 9:00 a.m. for Jr. High, Sr. High and adults in the Auditorium.
  9:00 a.m. *I Want to Belong to the Church That Belongs to God (Is there just one?)*
  10:00 a.m. *Which Church Is the Church That Belongs to God? (The answer may surprise you)*

Monday, May 5

- **No Monday Night Bible Study**.
- **Men's Meet** at 6:30 p.m. at the church building. All PBL men in Grades 9 and up are invited. Bring your Bible, a chair, some meat to grill, a drink and your own plate/utensils. This is a great opportunity for men of all generations to fellowship.

Tuesday, May 6

- **Tuesday Morning Bible Study** at 10:30 a.m. in the Family Room.

Saturday, May 17

- **VBS Work Day** from 9:00 a.m. until noon. All PBL members are encouraged to come and help prepare decorations. See Ivan Villard or Robert Lupo for more details.
- **PBL Ladies' Prayer Meeting** at 1:00 p.m. in the Family Room. See Maria Hackshaw for more details.

Saturday, May 24

- **VBS Work Day** from 9:00 a.m. until noon. All PBL members are encouraged to come and help prepare decorations. See Ivan Villard or Robert Lupo for more details.
- **MOM Group Dinner & Devotional** at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Misty Hayes. This is for all PBL moms of children from birth to 18.

Sunday, May 25

- **High School Graduates' Luncheon** after morning worship in the Family Room. All members are encouraged to attend and bring a potluck dish to share. See Robert Lupo for more details.

Palm Beach Lakes church of Christ Young Adults

Friday, May 9

- **Young Adult Devo** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Robert & Reanna Lupo.

Saturday, May 17

- **VBS Work Day** from 9:00 a.m. until noon. All PBL members are encouraged to come and help prepare decorations. See Ivan Villard or Robert Lupo for more details.

Saturday, May 24

- **VBS Work Day** from 9:00 a.m. until noon. All PBL members are encouraged to come and help prepare decorations. See Ivan Villard or Robert Lupo for more details.

Saturday, May 31

- **VBS Work Day** from 9:00 a.m. until noon. All PBL members are encouraged to come and help prepare decorations. See Ivan Villard or Robert Lupo for more details.

Wednesday-Friday, June 4-6

- **VBS Setup** beginning immediately after Bible Study on Wednesday; Thursday & Friday at 6:30 p.m.

Palm Beach Lakes Youth

Sunday, May 4

- **No His Kids Class.**

Sunday, May 11

- **His Kids Class** at 5:30 p.m. for Age 3 and up. Meet in the front of the auditorium.

Saturday, May 17

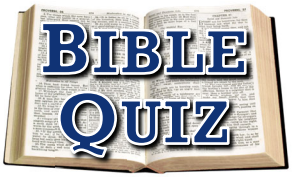
- **VBS Work Day** from 9:00 a.m. until noon. All PBL members are encouraged to come and help prepare decorations. See Ivan Villard or Robert Lupo for more details.
- **Teen Lunch & VBS Evangelism** after the VBS Work Day. Bring money for food.

Sunday, May 18

- **No His Kids Class.**

Saturday, May 24

- **VBS Work Day** from 9:00 a.m. until noon. All PBL members are encouraged to come and help prepare decorations. See Ivan Villard or Robert Lupo for more details.



More Rulers Who Ruled

1. What king of Judah had the worst reputation for killing innocent people (2 Kings 21:16)? _____
2. What king of Judah reigned only two years and was killed by his court officials (2 Kings 21:19-23)? _____
3. What godly king began his reign at age 8 and led a major reform movement (2 Kings 22-23)? _____
4. Who had a dream about a statue composed of different materials (Daniel 2)? _____
5. What king of Judah invited Israel to keep the Passover with them (2 Chronicles 30:1-12)? _____
6. What king of Judah was killed at Megiddo by the forces of Egypt (2 Kings 23:29-30)? _____
7. What king repented at the preaching of the prophet Jonah (Jonah 3:6)? _____
8. What king of Israel killed the worshipers of Baal in the temple of Baal (2 Kings 10:18-27)? _____
9. What king of Israel built the city of Samaria and made it his capital (1 Kings 16:24)? _____
10. What Babylonian king sent a present to King Hezekiah (2 Kings 20:12-13)? _____
11. What son of Josiah was imprisoned in Egypt by Pharoah Necho (2 Kings 23:31-33)? _____
12. Who was king in Judah when Babylon besieged and plundered it (2 Kings 24:11-16)? _____
13. Who was king of Judah when it was threatened by Sennacherib of Assyria (2 Kings 18:13)? _____
14. What king of Babylon burned the temple, palace and walls of Jerusalem (2 Kings 25:8-11)? _____
15. What king of Judah was blinded and taken away in chains to Babylon (2 Kings 25:7)? _____
16. What king burned in his fireplace the letter sent to him by Jeremiah (Jeremiah 36:23)? _____
17. What king ordered servants to toss Jezebel out of a window (2 Kings 9:31-33)? _____
18. What king of Persia issued the decree that the Jews could rebuild the temple (Ezra 1:1-4)? _____
19. What king of Persia received a letter complaining about the Jews rebuilding (Ezra 4:6-7)? _____
20. What soldier was anointed king of Israel by one of Elisha's followers (2 Kings 9:1-10)? _____

"...always abounding in the work of the Lord..." (1 Cor. 15:58)

Members Traveling this week

Thank You for worshiping with us

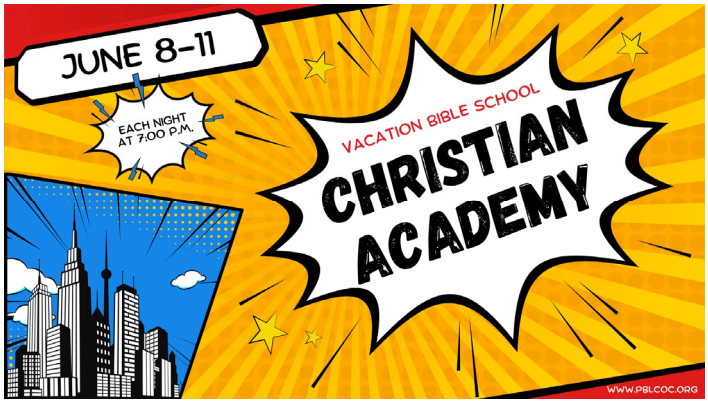
Sunday, April 27

LOCAL VISITORS: Mr. & Mrs. Jarmaal & Natalia Cowart; Mr. Charles Davidson; Ms. Sylvia Goldie; Mrs. Tangela Jackson; Mr. & Mrs. Dennis & Sharon Mann; Mr. & Mrs. Rai & Ashley Masuda; Ms. Ann Marie Newman; and Ms. Yvette Watts.

OUT-OF-TOWN VISITORS: Mrs. Meredith Bridgeman, Somerset, KY; Mr. & Mrs. Roger & Christina Leonhardt, Imperial, MO; Mr. & Mrs. Paul & Jonlyn Meacham, Imperial, MO; and Mr. Tim Ward, Horn Lake, MS.

Palm Beach Lakes Church of Christ Directory Changes

Dorothy Pernell is moving to Aiken, SC this week.



Birthdays & Anniversaries This Week

Sunday, May 4th
Dan Johnson
Manoella Mendietta

Monday, May 5th
Taylor & Natalie Reeves (Ann.)
Willie Wilkins

Tuesday, May 6th
Jonetta Green
Nicholas Pietro

Tuesday, May 6th (cont.)
Rachel Fuller

Thursday, May 8th
Jacqui Jenkins
Chuck Reeves, Jr.
Jackie Stout

Friday, May 9th
Leigh Puckett

This year's **Vacation Bible School: "Christian Academy"** will be on Sunday-Wednesday, June 8-11 each night at 7:00 p.m. There will be classes for all ages (babies thru adults)! Please use the QR Code to RSVP. Invite your friends!

Those to Serve

If you are unable to serve, please contact the Service Coordinator for the week or Rick Hall at 827-4269.
*If you are scheduled to serve on Sunday morning, please meet in the Grades 6-8 classroom at **9:50 a.m.***
*If you are scheduled to serve on Sunday evening, please meet at the front of the auditorium at **5:50 p.m.***

Sunday Morning, May 4

Singing ..... Dion Hayes
Opening Prayer ..... Kirk Crews
Scripture Reading.....Eugene Williams
Singing
Lord's Supper ..... Dan Jenkins
Contribution
Singing
Sermon
Singing
Closing Prayer .....Jimmie Banks

Serve at Table:

Casey Crews	John Patrick
James Green	Jim Rogers
Jeff Leslie	Joseph Snyder
M. Menendez	Marty Williams

Sunday Evening, May 4

Singing .....Robert Lupo
Opening Prayer.....Ivan Villard
Scripture Reading .....John Hoelzer
Singing
Lord's Supper.....Kane Campbell
Contribution
Singing
Sermon
Singing
Closing Prayer.....Graysen Hayes

Serve at Table:

Lance Collier	Jack Holoman

Audio this week: Ricky Smith
Computer this week: Buzz Nelson
Video this week: Ed Gager

Wednesday Evening, May 7

Singing ..... Daniel Wagner
Invitation..... Richard Watson
Family Prayer .....Tim Fry

Service Coordinator: Rick Hall

Ushers for this week: Rick Hall & Islay Rodriguez
Safety Team for this week: Vincent Rogers

Our Record

Attendance	Apr. 27	Mar. Avg
Sun. Bible Study	164	168
Sun. AM Worship	240	286
Sun. PM Worship	117	136
Wed. Bible Study	145	133
Contribution	$16,516	$17,384

2025 Weekly Budget: $16,803

Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: $8,037

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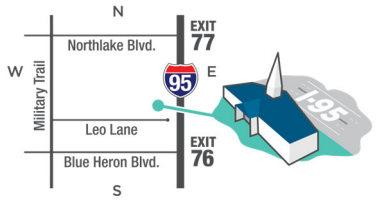
*Speaking where the **Bible** speaks, Silent where the **Bible** is silent.*



Service Schedule

Sunday:
Bible Classes..... 9:00 a.m.
Worship ..... 10:00 a.m.
Worship ..... 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday:
Bible Classes..... 7:00 p.m.

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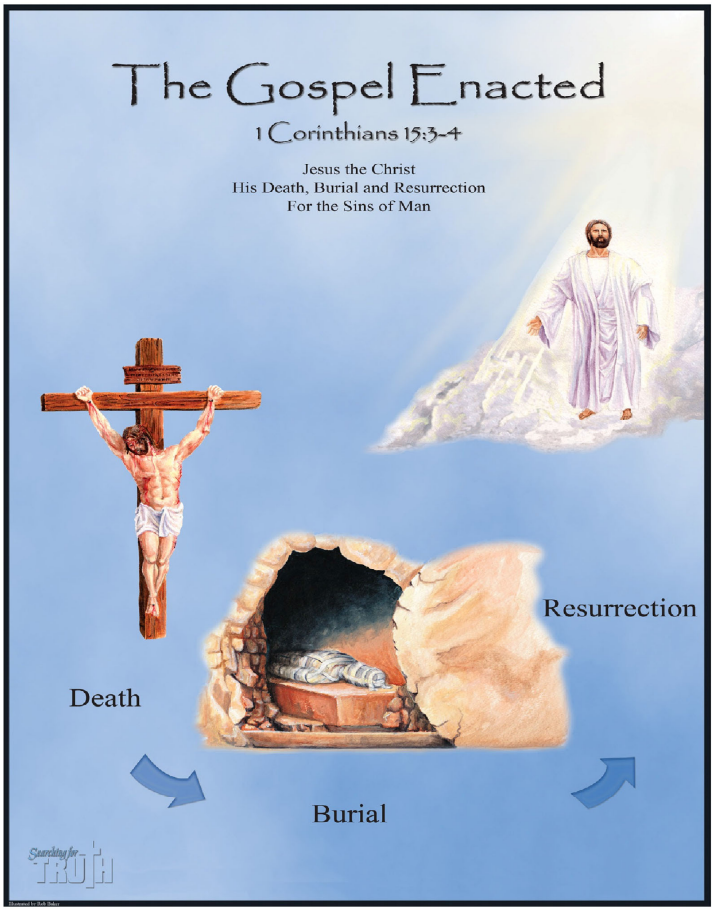

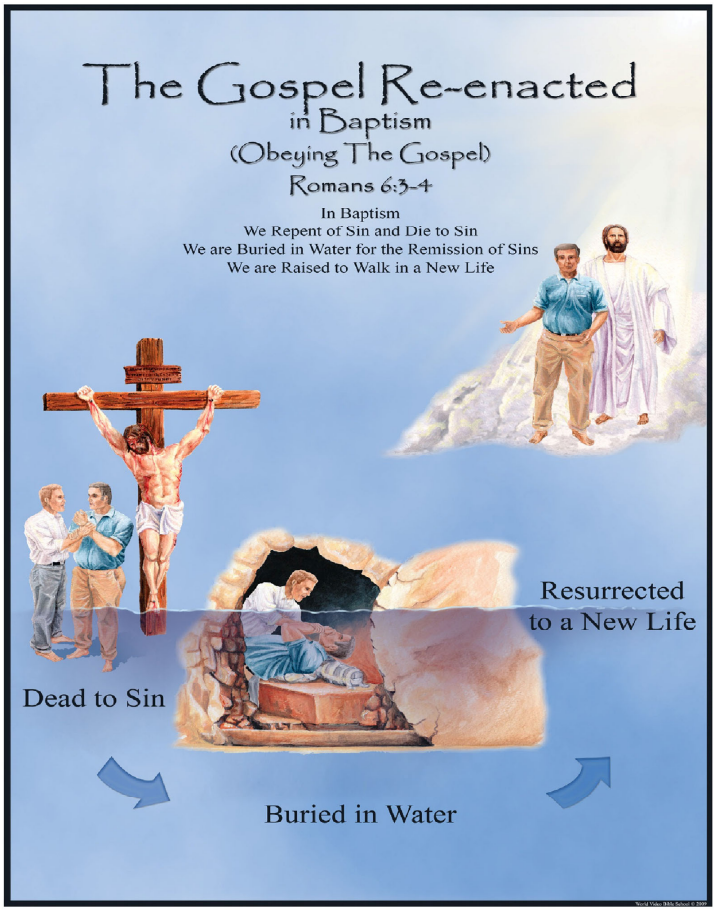

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