



# THE BROOKSVILLE BULLETIN

*Brooksville church of Christ*  
604 W. Fort Dade Avenue, Brooksville, FL

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## WELCOME

We are glad you are here. This weekend, we are happy to have BRENT HUNTER with us to share the gospel of Jesus Christ. The church in Brooksville is confident the lessons you will hear are Bible-based and each lesson will help you search for God's way for you.

The world has been a challenging place in the past two years. Worry and anxiety over the virus have caused many to doubt and fill their hearts with fear. Economic woes, political unrest, the threat of war, and social unrest have changed the world. How can the Christian cope? Where is there peace and assurance in the world?

Finding peace over worry and anxiety begins with God. The Bible sets forth the pattern for everything when Moses writes, "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth" (Genesis 1:1). The fundamental character of a man is rooted in his knowledge that he is created in the image of God. There is a design and a

purpose for man. He is not a blob-created slime that climbed out of a primordial sea of biological emptiness. Man is the highest of creation as one made in the image of His Maker to show the glory of God in his life.

The purpose of man is specific. Unlike the animals, man is a worshiping creature. His heart is attuned to a higher calling and responds to the divine nature of eternity. Man is an

eternal creature at his core. The flesh is only a house in which he resides until death. The nature of man defines his purpose. Man is created to glorify His maker.

Sin destroyed the harmony of God and man. Satan continues to hamper the efforts of the righteous. Through the grace of God, forgiveness is offered to those who will change their hearts in repentance. God is willing to remove the sins of men if he is willing to change his life. What an incredible blessing to know the forgiveness of a loving God.





Fighting the good fight of faith is not accomplished alone. In the early church, the saints gathered on the first day of the week to worship and praise God. There is a purpose in assembling together and the spiritual fellowship of saints gathered in one place helps to overcome worry and anxiety and find meaning in life. This is one of the express designs of God.

Armed with the knowledge on overcoming worry and anxiety and finding purpose with God, a man can begin each day with a renewed and repurposed feeling of worth to move forward in the coming year. God has provided all things to give a man hope. That longing for the eternal reward is rooted in the word of God.

We welcome the opportunity to study the Bible with you. God has given a wonderful book to tell all men how to be saved. Let us share that good news with you.

THANK YOU FOR SHARING IN THIS WEEKEND OF LESSONS TO ENCOURAGE AND EXHORT OUR FAITH IN JESUS CHRIST AND THE LOVE OF THE FATHER.

## Something To Think About

The difference between catching men and catching fish: you catch fish that are alive and they die, but you catch men that are dead and they are brought to life. Then Jesus said to them, "Follow Me, and I will make you become fishers of men." (Mark 1:17)

## When I Say That I Am A Christian (Selected)

When I say that I am a Christian, I am not shouting that I am clean living. I'm whispering I was lost, but now I'm found and forgiven.

When I say I am a Christian, I don't speak of this with pride. I'm confessing that I stumble and need Christ to be my guide.

When I say I am a Christian, I'm not trying to be strong. I'm professing that I'm weak and need His strength to carry on.

When I say I am a Christian, I'm not bragging of success. I'm admitting I have failed and need God to clean my mess.

When I say I am a Christian, I'm not claiming to be perfect. My flaws are far too visible, but God believes I am worth it.

When I say I am a Christian, I still feel the sting of pain. I have my share of heartaches, so I call upon His name.

When I say I am a Christian, I'm not holier than thou, I'm just a simple sinner who received God's grace.

When you feel like you're drowning in life, don't worry -- your lifeguard walks on water.

**Life with Christ is an endless hope; without Him it is a hopeless end.**

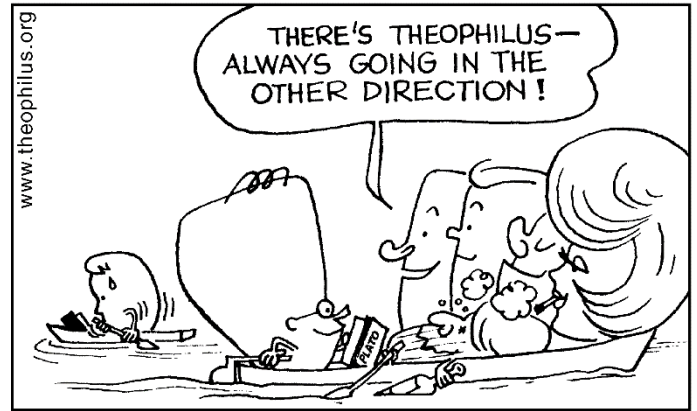
## **Bible Paradoxes (Author Unknown)**

A paradox is a tenet contrary to received opinion; seemingly contrary to common sense but is actually true.

- We may be last though first (Mark 10:35-45).
- We lose by saving our life (Mark 8:34-38).
- We live by dying (2 Timothy 2:11)
- We see unseen things (2 Corinthians 4:18).
- We conquer by yielding (Romans 6:16-18).
- We find rest under a yoke (Matthew 11:28-30).
- We reign by serving (Mark 10:42-44).
- We are made great by being the least (Luke 9:48).
- We are exalted by being humble (Matthew 23:12).
- We become wise by being fools (1 Corinthians 1:20-21).
- We are made free by becoming bondservants (Romans 6:18).

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*Broad Is the Way*



- We wax strong by being weak (2 Corinthians 12:10).
- We triumph by defeat (2 Corinthians 12:7-9).
- We find victory by glorying in our infirmities (2 Corinthians 12:5).

Conclusion: The Lord's ways are not our ways, so much so that they are often opposite.

## **Freedom (Don McCullough)**

A spy was captured and sentenced to death by a general in the Persian army. Before execution, the general would go through a rather unusual ritual. He would give the criminal a choice between the firing squad or the big, black door. This spy was given the usual choice. He deliberated for a long time, then finally decided on the firing squad. Moments later, his life was extinguished.

The general turned to his aide and said, "They always prefer the known way to the unknown. It is characteristic of people to be afraid of the undefined. Yet, we gave him a choice." The aide himself did not know what fate lay behind the big, black door, so he asked his commander. "Freedom," replied the general, "and I've only known a few brave enough to take it." Freedom can be a frightening endeavor. Far too many choose familiar slavery rather than taking a risk for freedom.



Wash your own windows and see how clean your neighbor's look.  
A sound argument must have more than sound to it.

## Consider The Hammer (Selected)

It keeps its head.  
It doesn't fly off the handle.  
It keeps pounding away.  
It finds the point and then drives it home.  
It looks at the other side and thus often clinches the matter.  
It is the only knocker in the world that does any good.



**NEWSFLASH: We are not even the center of our own universe!**

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#### Times of Services

Sunday Bible Class for all ages (10:00am)  
Sunday Worship all Welcome (11:00am & 6:00pm)  
Wednesday Bible Class for all ages (7:00pm)

*Supporting the GOSPEL in other places:*

- ✠ Jamey Hinds, Hollywood, Florida; Roy Fenner, Panama City, Florida
- ✠ Zeke Flores, Columbus, Texas; Philip North, Branson, Missouri
- ✠ The saints in Nicaragua

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