

THINK ON THESE THINGS (Philippians 4:8)

# Conclusions

## OUR FAMILY NEWS

**Pray:** Josiah, Wayne and Cathy, Helen Spicer, Peggy, All health care providers and especially for Scott and his family.

**Traveling/Working:** Slope workers. Tom and Deb are traveling for a week beginning on December 24, 2020.

**Ladies Class:** The Ladies Class has started up again. It is held here at the church's building. See Terry Campbell for details.

**Friday Class:** There will not be a Friday evening class this coming Friday December 25, 2020.

**Directory:** Please sign on to our website and check the accuracy of the data in the online directory. You can update your entry yourself or call Bill and he will do it for you.

**Radio Programs:** Listen to "Searching the Scriptures", our weekly radio program and our "One Minute for God" series which airs three times a day six days a week on KMBQ 99.7.

**Today's Scripture:** "Simon answered and said, I suppose that *he*, to whom he forgave most. And he said unto him, Thou hast rightly judged." **Luke 7:43 (KJV)**

**Wisdom for Today:** "Do ye indeed speak righteousness, O congregation? do ye judge uprightly, O ye sons of men?" **Psalms 58:1 (KJV)**

Attendance Last Sunday 69: Our Record: 107

*For more detail, please go to the web site.*

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## God's Plan of Salvation

Hear.....	Romans 10:17
Believe.....	Mark 16:16, Hebrews 11:1-6
Repent.....	Acts 2:38, II Corinthians 7:10
Confess.....	Romans 10:9-10, Matthew 10:32-33
Be Baptized .....	Mark 16:16, Acts 22:16
Arise & Walk in Newness of Life .....	Romans 6:4

"For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth..."

## CONTACT INFORMATION

### MEETING TIMES

#### Sunday:

Bible Classes:	10AM
AM Worship:	11AM
PM Worship:	5PM

#### Wednesday:

Bible Study:	7PM
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Tue./Thur. Call or Ck Web

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## Proper Conclusions

Sometimes it is funny how people can come to different conclusions when looking at the same thing. I remember when UFO sightings were at their most active point. Flashing lights in the sky at night would be called a UFO by some and an airplane by others. The data was there, flashing lights in the sky, yet some came to the correct and other to a false conclusion.

I was stationed in southwest Arkansas in the mid seventies just after the Boggy Creek Monster movie came out. I actually visited the farm where the monster was supposed to have been most sighted. The gate to the farm had a large sign made of a sheet of plywood that stated "Monster Hunters and Reporters will be shot on sight". I asked the technician I was with about it and was told that people had cut the farmers fence up so much that he had to replace it. They would see a hair caught in a section of the fence and cut it out believing it was a monster hair, when it actually was a cow or deer hair. They had data that was all correct, hair from an animal stuck in the fence, yet they came to the false conclusion that it was hair from the monster.

Then there are other things that people come to conclusions about that are more serious and not funny at all. People look at the universe and the vast variety of life on earth and come to the conclusion that the universe is 13+ billion years old and the earth is 4.5 billion years old. Then they jump to the conclusion that life began in some primordial swamp and evolved into the complex life that we see all around us today. Others look at the same things and come to the conclusion that there has to have been a creator, someone powerful enough, intelligent enough and wise enough to cause all these things to exist simply because He wills it.

We can see examples in the Bible of people that come to the correct conclusions and others that come to an improper conclusion. In **Luke 7:40-43 (KJV)** we read of a situation where Peter came to the right conclusion "And Jesus answering said unto him, Simon, I have somewhat to say unto thee. And he saith, Master, say on. There was a certain creditor which had two debtors: the one owed five hundred pence, and the other fifty. And when they had nothing to pay, he frankly forgave them both. Tell me therefore, which of them will love him most? Simon answered and said, I suppose that he, to whom he forgave most. And he said unto him, Thou hast rightly judged."

Then in **Matthew 9:32-34 (NKJV)** the Pharisees came to an improper conclusion "As they went out, behold, they brought to Him a man, mute and demon-possessed. And when the demon was cast out, the mute spoke. And the multitudes marveled, saying, "It was never seen like this in Israel!" But the Pharisees said, "He casts out demons by the ruler of the demons." Then in a similar situation we see one group that came to a proper conclusion and another to a very different conclusion. In **Matthew 12:22-24 (NKJV)** we read "Then one was brought to Him who was demon-possessed, blind and mute; and He healed him,

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so that the blind and mute man both spoke and saw. And all the multitudes were amazed and said, "Could this be the Son of David?" Now when the Pharisees heard it they said, "This fellow does not cast out demons except by Beelzebub, the ruler of the demons." The multitudes came to the proper conclusion that Jesus actually could be the Son of David, while the Pharisees came to an entirely different and improper conclusion.

And in another example we see Peter coming to a proper conclusion, while others came to different conclusions. **Matthew 16:13-16 (KJV)** "When Jesus came into the coasts of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, saying, Whom do men say that I the Son of man am? And they said, Some say that thou art John the Baptist: some, Elias; and others, Jeremias, or one of the prophets. He saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am? And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God." The multitude were trying to determine who Jesus was and their conclusions were that He was John the Baptist, some Elijah and some Jeremiah. But Peter came to the proper conclusion that Jesus was the Christ the son of the living God.

Today we have the opportunity to draw conclusions from the evidence we have. We can accept the fact that the Bible is the only inspired word of God, or we can believe that it is a book of fairy tales. We can believe that the universe and all in it were created from the explosion of very small piece of matter that no one knows how it came to be or that the universe and everything was created by an intelligent and all powerful God. We can believe that Jesus is a figment of the imagination of a number of men who wrote stories that the local citizens wanted to hear, or we can conclude that He is God the Word. We can believe that we are created by an all powerful God and that we have a soul that is eternal or we can believe that we cease to exist when we die. We can believe that there is no hell and no heaven or we can believe that the saved will spend eternity in heaven with God while the lost will spend an eternity in hell separated from God and all that is good. We can believe that we are saved by faith after saying a sinners prayer. Or we can believe that we are to hear the good news about Jesus and His life, death and resurrection; believe that He is the Son of the living God; confess that belief publicly; repent of our sins and be baptized by immersion in water to wash our sins away; then live as disciples of Jesus.

What conclusion have you come to? You come to conclusions about these things each day. You will make one this morning, you can walk out without committing your life to God, coming to one conclusion. Or you can make that commitment after coming to a different conclusion. What will it be?