



# THE GREEN PLAIN PROCLAIMER

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## Schedule of Services

- Sunday Bible Classes 10:00 AM Morning Worship
- Wednesday Bible Classes 6:00 PM

## Elders

- Mike Ernstberger  
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270-293-7027 Cell
- James Pigg  
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- Bobby Hall
- Jesse Vincent

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- Jonnie Hutchison  
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## Supporting Works

India—Dale Foster, David Nance, and Ronnie Gootam  
McKenzie, TN—Paul Jones

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## WHATEVER KEEPS YOU FROM GOD IS NOT WORTH HOLDING ON TO *By Jonnie Hutchison*

Jesus asked this most relevant question, *“For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul? For the Son of man shall come in the glory of his Father with his angels; and then he shall reward every man according to his works”* (Matthew 16:26-27). Two great lessons to learn from our Lord’s teaching in this passage includes (1) the value of ones soul, and (2) the fact of the second coming of Christ and the judgment.

What is your soul (the spiritual part of you) worth? According to Jesus your soul is more valuable than the whole material world combined. It is worth more than all the earthly treasure which one may accumulate. It is worth more than any human relationship. Your soul is so valuable that Jesus died on the cross so that your soul could be saved (John 3:16; Romans 5:8-9). So, if you lose your soul, what does the accumulation of material things or the human relationships you have formed profit you? The

obvious answer is NOTHING! Why? Because each of us will be judged, not on how large a bank account we have accumulated, not on how much property we own, and not on how much we may have enjoyed sinful relationships, but on our works. Each of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ to receive the things done in the body whether good or evil (2 Corinthians 5:10). At death all material possessions will be left to others and no sinful relationship will endure in eternity. The Bible says, *“For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out”* (1 Timothy 6:7). If these things are what is most important to you now, they will be nothing but a means of eternal regret in eternity.

Dear reader, we pray that you will recognize the value of your eternal soul and the worthlessness of material things and of any human relationships that take you away from God. Whatever keeps you from God is **NOT** worth holding on to.

## NEWS AND NOTES

- **REMEMBER IN PRAYER: Green Plain members:** . Remember Faye Travis, Peggy Jarvis, Rex and Margarete Enoch, Mary Crutchfield, Joanne Barnes, Maxine Pool, Hayes and Marjorie Grady, Jim Fielder, and Larry Enoch.
- **Family and Friends:** Teresa Tacker, Betty Pond, Bryan White, Meredith Enoch, Kenneth Mizell, Walter Byars, Will Winchester, Jim Hutson, Janice Canter, Maryanne Pedigrew, Dale Foster, Andrea Phillips and Donald and Dorothy Cook.
- **UPCOMING LOCAL EVENTS:** *Annual Area Wide Singing at Green Plain on November 22nd at 7:00 pm.*
- **The Fall session of the *School of Biblical Studies*** continues Monday from 7-9 pm in annex. We have had a great fall session with our two instructors Josh Manning and Brad McNutt. Our attendance has been mostly in the upper twenties. We have had six different congregations represented by those attending. Thanks to all who have participated.
- **Pantry items for November: 3—Potatoes; 10—Chili; 17—Beets; 24—Creamed Corn. All items should be canned. Thanks to all for participating in this effort.**
- Remember our **snacks for the hospital program** and place your items in the baskets in the lobby.
- **PASS IT ON!** When you have finished reading this bulletin, why not pass it on to a loved one, friend or neighbor. Use this as a tool to spread the gospel. Or, pick up extra copies to hand or mail to others.
- **See our Facebook page** for announcements, updates and articles. Access to past editions of this bulletin are available on our website at <http://greenplainchurchofchrist.org>.
- **Mission Work:** Please continue to pray for the preachers this congregation is supporting in India and for Dale Foster, Ronnie Gootan, David Nance, Mike Kiser and Paul Jones in their respective works.
- Watch **“A Bible Answer”** each Sunday morning at 8:00 am on WQQW TV in Paducah, KY. This program is also available on their website at [abibleanswertv.org](http://abibleanswertv.org) and on GBN and YouTube.
- **November 2019 Anniversaries: 1st Ann & David Thompson; 13th Jane & Junior Morris; 17th Debbie & Mike Ernstberger; Birthdays: 15th Jonnie Hutchison; 23rd Vickie Cantor; 25th Margarete Enoch.** Please let us know if we have left anyone out.
- *We have all heard the idiom “It’s not over till it’s over.” That is true of our lives as Christians. We should keep on keeping on because “it’s not over till it’s over.” Rev. 2:10*



### BIBLE RESEARCH QUESTION

**This Week:** What three passages in the New Testament use the term “Godhead”?

**last Week:** *Who in the Bible is called the “Chief Shepherd?”*

**Answer:** Peter wrote of Jesus in 1 Peter 5:4, “And when the chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away.”

## LESSONS TODAY

### Sunday AM

*“Spiritual Identity Theft”*

### Sunday PM

*“What Is Heaven Like?”*

***“Preach the Word”***  
***2 Timothy 4:2***

## BIBLE CONTRADICTIONS QUESTION *By Jon Mitchell*

*A co-worker tells me he doesn't believe in the Bible because there are so many contradictions in it. What should I tell him?*

(The following directly comes from the Apologetics Press two-volume book by Eric Lyons, *The Anvil Rings*. I highly recommend it as a study that deals with supposed contradictions within the Bible. It contains much more information needed to know to answer the charge of supposed scriptural contradictions than what I have listed below.)

First, ask him if he has an "innocent until proven guilty" attitude toward the Bible. A teacher cannot justifiably assume that a student who makes a perfect score on a test without studying for it in fact cheated. He may have received all the information elsewhere at another time, or perhaps he learned everything well enough that he didn't need to study at home. He may have even got lucky and guessed correctly on the questions he didn't know. In our daily lives we generally consider a person to be truthful until we have evidence that he or she has lied. The same rule should apply when we read a historical document or a book, including the Bible.

Next, ask him if he allows *possibilities* to suffice as solutions for supposed contradictions. If we believe the Bible is innocent until proven guilty, then any possible answer should be good enough to nullify the charge of error and contradiction. Not just *any* answer, but any *possible* answer. When you study the Bible and come across passages that may seem contradictory, you don't necessarily have to pin down the exact solution in order to show their truthfulness. You need only show the possibility of a harmonization between passages that appear to conflict in order to negate the force of the charge that a Bible contradiction really exists.

For example, who was present when David at the showbread? Christ says Abiathar

(Mark 2:25-26), while Samuel says Ahimelech (1 Sam. 21:1). Did Jesus contradict Samuel? Not necessarily. Perhaps the two names belonged to the same man (like Peter who was also called Simon Peter, Simon, and Cephas.) Perhaps Jesus didn't mean that Abiathar personally ministered to David, but that the event with David and the showbread occurred in his lifetime ("in the days of"). Notice also that Samuel refers to a *priest* named Ahimelech, while Christ mentions a *high priest* named Abiathar. A priest was not the same as a high priest, so two different men in two different offices could have been mentioned in both accounts. Any of these possibilities suffice to negate the charge of a contradiction.

Also, ask him if he understands that a genuine contradiction must refer to the same person, place, or thing in the same sense in the same time but in different ways. One of the main problems in a discussion concerning alleged contradictions is that most people do not understand what constitutes a genuine contradiction. Nothing can both be and not be. A door may be open, or a door may be shut, but the same door may not be both open and shut at the same time. With reference to the door, shut and open are opposites, but they are not contradictory unless it be affirmed that they characterize the same object at the same time. So it is very important that one recognizes that mere opposites or differences do not necessitate a contradiction. For there to be a bona fide contradiction, one must be referring to the same person, place, or thing in the same sense at the same time, but in different ways.

Suppose someone says, "Terry Anthony is rich," and "Terry Anthony is poor." Do those two statements contradict each other? Not necessarily. How do you know the

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### COME VISIT WITH US

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same Terry Anthony is under consideration in both statements? Maybe Terry Anthony in Texas is rich, but Terry Anthony in Tennessee is poor. The same person, place, or thing must be under consideration. Plus, the same time period must be under consideration. Terry Anthony could have a fortune in his youth but then lost it all in a stock-market crash. At one time he was rich, but now he is poor. Also, the statements must be talking about the same sense. Terry Anthony could be the richest man alive, but he is poor if he is not following God. On the other hand, he could have no money whatsoever yet still be rich in spiritual blessings.

Keeping these principles in mind, it's easy to see that Luke did not contradict himself by describing the death of James in Acts 12 only to describe James as a church leader in Acts 15...because the James in Acts 12 is a different James than the one in Acts 15. Likewise, the ark of Genesis 6 is not the same ark of Joshua 3. God seeing that everything he made was very good (Gen. 1) does not contradict him being sorry that he had made man (Gen. 6), because the events of Genesis 6 took place hundreds of years after the events of Genesis 1.

Finally, ask him if he understands that supplementation does not equal contradiction. Suppose you are telling a story about how you and a friend went to a Braves game. You mention what great defense the Braves played, and your friend talks about their clutch hits in the final innings of the game. Is there a contradiction because your friend talks about their offense but you mention only their defense? No, he is simply adding to (supplementing) your story to make it more complete. That happens in the Bible a lot. Matthew 27:57-60 says Joseph put Jesus in the tomb, while John 19:38-40 says Joseph AND Nicodemus did so. Contradiction? No, because John is simply supplementing Matthew's account.

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### THOSE TO SERVE

**November 2019**

#### Announcements

Chad Canter

#### Preside at Lord's Table

Bobby Hall & Jim Lowrie

Substitute: James Pigg

#### Assist at Lord's Table

Roy Wyatt & Junior Morris

Substitute: Jesse Vincent

#### Preside at Lord's Table PM

3— Bobby Hall

1— Jim Lowrie

17— Bobby Hall

24— Jim Lowrie

#### Opening Prayer

3— James Pigg

10 Mike Ernstberger

17— Jonnie Hutchison

24 Preston Barrett

#### Closing Prayer

3— Jesse Vincent

10— Junior Morris

17— Dave Thompson

24— Perry Jarvis

#### Song Leaders

Sunday AM— Charles Enoch

Sunday PM— Perry Jarvis

Wednesday— Chad Canter

Substitute— Mike Ernstberger

#### Count Contribution

Roy and Junior

#### Collect Communion Cups

London & Peyton

#### Usher

Jesse

If unable to serve please call

Chad Canter at 270-873-7509

*Thanks for Serving!*