

## Prove Anything By The Bible?

Guy N. Woods

The observation, "You can prove anything by the Bible," is often with mindless abandon asserted by those who reveal by such a statement that their respect for the authority and validity of its teaching approaches zero. What is clearly proved by such affirmation is that (a) those who so affirm are ignorant of, or have disregarded the Books' own claims of inerrancy; (b) they are aware that the Source they minimize does not support their views of matters religious, and so they would impeach the Book itself by questioning its integrity and reliability! (Is. 5:20; Prov. 17:15).

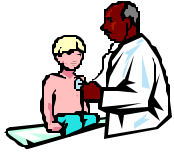
We do not think that those who so assert would be pleased were the accusation leveled against them, "Anything can be proved by you!" The implication of such a statement, universally known to be characteristic only of liars, deceivers, and hypocrites, would be bitterly resented and rejected: yet these people do not hesitate to imply that God, Christ, the Holy Spirit and the Scriptures are really unworthy of our respect and belief because they testify on all sides of all propositions! This sinful and perverse imputation is positively and palpably false and will be immediately repudiated by all thoughtful and discerning people. In defending the sacred writings against such a wicked charge, we are simply supporting the Scriptures' own claims of trustworthiness, reliability and credibility (Ps. 118:89; II Tim. 3:17, 18).

Equally objectionable is the thoughtless and oft-repeated statement, "People just don't understand the Bible alike!" In this fashion do some seek to justify the endless conflicts and contradictions today shamefully existing in the religious world. The truth is, there is only one way to understand anything—the right way. People may misunderstand the teaching of the Scriptures a hundred different ways; there is really no end to perversions and misapprehensions of Scripture; but, all who understand the Bible at all, understand it correctly; any other view is not another "understanding," but a *misunderstanding* of it.

It is axiomatic that a proposition cannot be both true and false at the same time; all truth is harmonious and is never in conflict with itself. It follows, therefore, the Bible being true, only one conclusion may be properly and logically deduced from any affirmation on any given subject, and the opposite conclusion is necessarily false regardless of who holds it, or how long it may have been held. Moreover, no true friend of the Bible will want to assign a "meaning" to any word or statement therein which conflicts with the plain and obvious teaching of the Book elsewhere.

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# Sick



Betty Jenkins is back in LGH.

Roy Doss is in RMH.

Annett Shrader will be going back to the doctor in a few weeks.

Continue to remember in prayer: **Marguerite Charles, Margaret Kratz, Steve Harrah, Ruth Boles, Albert and Pauline Pennington, Jim Dorsett, Mary Anderson.**

Happy Birthday this week to:



Claire Gray—4/14  
Mike Durham—4/16  
Lisa Valentine—4/18  
Kirk Gilpin—4/19  
Annette Shrader—4/20



**APRIL ITEMS FOR THE STAFFORDS:** Instant Grits and Oatmeal (plain). Give your items to Jeanny and she will ship them over!

## MILITARY

Ty Stricklin and John Duran have returned from overseas.  
Kyle Nester— in Iraq  
Erich Felps—in Iraq.



## *In Sympathy*

*Sympathy is extended to Jim Dorsett and family in the death of his sister, Ruth. Her funeral was on Wednesday in North Carolina.*

## Prove Anything By The Bible?- cont.

Many matters are clearly and unmistakable taught in the Holy scriptures. Among the most important is that while man, in his unregenerate state is lost, Jesus died for him and thus made salvation available through his vicarious suffering and death on the cross. To appropriate this salvation, man must comply with the conditions the Redeemer himself announced (Mk. 16:15,16; Acts 2:38) and live a godly, consecrated, Christian life until the Lord calls him home to his ultimate and eternal rest (II Pet. 1:5-11; Rev. 22:14).

*Our beloved Brother Woods has gone on to his reward. He has held meetings here at West Side. We commend this good article by him. Why not share it this week with your neighbor or co-worker.*

- the elders

## DIRECTORY UPDATE:

Paul & Eloise Felt have a new phone number:  
336-547-1111. Update your directory.

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Freda Overton 336-966-9211  
Dr. Freda Overton 336-966-9211

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## Gospel Meeting

Our Spring Gospel Meeting will be held on May 11-14, with Glen Colley as our guest speaker. Be making plans now to invite someone to come and listen to good preaching!!  
On Sunday there will be a fellowship dinner. Team 1 will be in charge of paper products, ice and drinks; Team 2 will be cleaning up; and Team 3 will handle set up of the fellowship hall. Team leaders be making your plans now to feed the minister. Team 3 will be responsible for Monday evening, Team 2 will be responsible for Tuesday evening and Team 1 will handle the duties on Wednesday evening.

**Remember a personal invitation goes a long way!!!**

# F Y I For Your Information

**Team 3** (Brown) will be having a potluck lunch after morning services on April 20 at Tom & Melissa Rogers' home.



## SILENCING OF GOD DVD SERIES

The DVD's have been ordered. If you placed an order for this series, please pick up your invoice on the table located in the foyer. Return your invoice with your check to Jo Ann or one of the elders. You will receive your DVD(s) as soon as they are sorted and your payment has been made.

## PRECIOUS MEMORIES

The kid's memory program will continue this evening at 5:40. Please consider this class when you enter the auditorium this evening.

## PRIMARY TEACHERS MEETING

The next teachers meeting will be on April 20 at 4:30. First Grade in charge of refreshments.

## LADIES NIGHT OUT

The April Ladies Night Out will be on April 22 at 6:30. Shirley Baker will be hosting this event. Please sign up on the board.

## EVENING AT WEST SIDE

The Evening at West Side will be held on April 26 at 6:30. If you do not receive an invitation this week please let Jo Ann know ASAP. Also please RSVP to your hostess by April 20. If you haven't been to this event in the past, ask someone who has to find out how much fun it is!!

## TURN, TURN, TURN MEETING

T3 planners meeting will be April 27 at 4:30 in the fellowship hall.

## POUNDING FOR THE REEDS

There will be a 'pounding' for the Reeds after evening services on April 27. See Richard Simms for details.

## Teens



### April Dates

4/13—TBS after evening services!

*VCC & Horizon's applications and bus forms are located in the foyer. Pick yours up today!! Yellow bus forms for Senior week!*

## WOW

The WOW GROUP will meet on TUESDAY, May 13 at 10:30 AM.

Please sign up on the WOW board for the video Auto-biographies being done by Richard Simms.

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### VIRGINIA CHRISTIAN CAMP

10 weeks until Virginia Christian Camp. There is a list of items needed for crafts located on the board in the hallway.



Please see Jo Ann or Melissa for details or to make your donations!

Camp Dates—June 15-21. Applications are in the foyer—please return to Curtis Graves by May 15.

- Curtis is also looking for Female Counselors!!! See Jo Ann for details.

### Recent Responses:

Hazel McFalls

**April 2008****Announcements**

Charlie Gwaltney

**Song Leader (AM)**

Jeff Durham

**Opening Prayer (AM)**

4/6

Barry White

4/13

Charlie Maness

4/20

Wayne Dixon

4/27

Tom Duff

**Preside at Communion**

Fred Altizer

**Serve Table**

Herb Baker

Jim Bush

AC Janney

John Black

**Closing Prayer**

4/6

Jim Cooke

4/13

Jerry Anderson

4/20

Bob Garby

4/27

Bob Martin

**Song Leader (PM)**

Paul Mays

**Opening Prayer (PM)**

4/6

Don Pettit

4/13

Danny Guard

4/20

Jeff Durham

4/27

Mike Durham

**Scripture Reader**

Bradford Durham

**Closing Prayer (PM)**

4/6

Ethan Rogers

4/13

Eric Earnhart

4/20

Squeaky Valentine

4/27

Sam Valentine

**Serve Table (PM)**

Tom Duff

Preston Duff

**Song Leader (Wed)**

Josh Whitlow

**Prayer (Wed)**

4/2

Jim Harrington

4/9

Richard Simms

4/16

Tom Rogers

4/23

Jeremy White

4/30

Glenn Hartman

**Open/Close Bldg**

Mike Durham

**Greeters**

Neighbors

Evelyn &amp; Gloria White

**Nursery Attend**

Dee House

Shree Lowe

**Ushers**

David Mc Falls

Norris Gearhart

**Handouts**

Sam &amp; Squeaky Valentine

Mark Brooks

Glenn Hartman

**Alternates****Prepare communion**

Judy Durham

Lori Cook

**Cards & Pencils**

Dylan Tyler

Jimmy Harrington

**Last weeks attendance 4/6&9/08**

Bible Class—158

Worship Service—167

Eve. Worship—133

Wed. Service—149

Contribution—\$11602

**Moses Is Dead**

Someone has said, “Every day death claims someone; and, some day death will claim every one.” Each day brings the news of death to thousands of households. However, it seems when those who are “larger than life” die it is as if we never expected it to happen. Saturday, April 5<sup>th</sup>, brought the news of the death of Charlton Heston.

He who, for two generations, personified Moses (because of his lead role in the movie, “The Ten Commandments”), was gone. Death had claimed one of the silver screen’s finest heroes. Indeed for many, “Moses” was dead.

No doubt this same emotion was felt, yet to an ever larger degree, when the real Moses died. Joshua was told, “Moses my servant is dead; now therefore arise, go over this Jordan, thou, and all this people, unto the land which I do give to them, even to the children of Israel” (Josh. 1:2). Now, an entire nation of people would have to continue without the only leader they had ever known. They would have to cross into a hostile land without the one who had brought them to this point. Moses was simply not supposed to die; but he did.

It often takes us by surprise when those who occupy the spotlight pass away. It is as if they are somehow supposed to be immune from death. And, yet, we know intuitively that no one escapes it. It eventually claims us all. In the same fashion in which we look at the death of a famous person we also look at our own death too often. It is as if it will not happen. We can see life taking its toll on those around us and we know that even those we thought to be larger than life have succumbed to it. However, it is just beyond the realm of our considerations to think that it will happen to us. But, the Bible says it will one day claim us (Heb. 9:27); and we know intuitively from life’s experiences that it will. The deaths of people like Moses and Charlton Heston prove it every day. That’s the end of life’s journey for each of us.

However, it is not the end of life’s story. That will be continued when the walk of life on earth ceases. Where that story will continue is up to us. For the obedient, it will end in eternal bliss (Heb. 5:8, 9; Rev. 2:10). For the disobedient, it will end in everlasting torment (Mt. 25:46; II Thes. 1:8). Where will your story continue as it resumes on life’s other side?

-Eddy

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