

DID YOU LISTEN?

I hope you listened to what Stephane said Sunday morning in his lesson. We are so spoiled living in this area, that we have no idea what it would be like to live in an area of over three million people and there only be about fifteen Christians. As he said, "Let that sink in." He went on to say that true Christianity is not looked on in a favorable light in the area where he grew up. If you preach and practice what the Bible says, you could be charged with a hate crime. Let me remind you, this is not in some far off, middle eastern country. This is in a country that borders with the United States. It is so important that we continue to share God's word with others. We need to be trying to reach the faithless. Help them to come to a knowledge of God and His will for their lives (Romans 10:17). Our nation is becoming a nation that does not know what the Bible says about anything. We need to be trying to reach the fallen. Those who were once faithful children of God, but have fallen away for whatever reason (Galatians 6:1). There are many people in this category throughout our area. We need to be striving to encourage the faithful (Ephesians 4:11-16). This is where the workload is. The faithful child of God must be about the work of the church. I hope you listened to Stephane.

MULE STEALING

Can a man steal another man's mule and continue to keep it in his barn after repenting and obeying the gospel? Of course not, for even as the apostle Paul stated. "I . . . declared both to them of Damascus first, and at Jerusalem, and throughout all the country of Judea, and also to the Gentiles, that they should repent and turn to God, doing works worthy of repentance" (Acts 26:20).

So if one truly repents before obeying the gospel he will change his mind towards mule stealing and bring forth fruits worthy of repentance, which will mean he can't keep his neighbor's mule in his barn.

Can a man marry another man's wife, one who has been unscripturally put away (Mark 10:11-12), and keep her in his house after repenting and obeying the gospel? Of course not, for the woman is still bound to the husband of her youth (Rom. 7:2-3, cf. Malachi 2:13-16); and the Scriptures require repentance and the bringing forth of fruits worthy of repentance.

John the immerser said to Herod, "It is not lawful for thee to have thy brother's wife" (Mark 6:18). This was not a matter of Herodias just forsaking Herod Philip, but she had divorced herself from Philip and married Herod Antipas. Josephus states, "...but Herodias, their sister, was married to Herod (Philip), the son of Herod the Great, who

was born of Mariamne, the daughter of Simon the high priest, who had a daughter, Salome: After whose birth Herodias took upon her to confound the Laws of our country, and divorce herself from her husband while he was alive, and was married to Herod (Antipas), her husband's brother by the father's side: He was Tetrarch of Galilee..." (Antiquities of the Jews, Josephus, Book 18 Chapter 5:4, cf. Book 18 chapter 5:1)

But in spite of the fact that she was a divorcee John knew God's law (cf. Mal. 2:13-16), and he knew whose wife Herodias really was. He said to Herod it is unlawful for you "to have her." In other words, it was unlawful for him to possess her as a wife.

But someone will say, "You can't compare taking a woman to mule stealing." Well, Nathan, the prophet, compared sheep stealing to woman stealing (2 Sam. 12:1-7) H. J. Thayer defines repentance, "to repent: signifies to change one's mind for the better, heartily to amend with abhorrence of one's past sins." (Page 405). True repentance requires a corresponding amendment of one's conduct that is worthy of repentance. In other words genuine repentance leads to genuine reformation of life.

—Jim Waldron, *Gospel Advocate* 5/12/1977

UNDENIABLE DIFFERENCES

Refusing to recognize, discuss, dissect and debate religious differences does not make them go away. If we believe in the authority of Scripture (2 Tim. 3:16,17), and I believe we do, then it is imperative that we "*Search the scriptures daily, whether these things were so*" (Acts 17:11).

Notice:

- Jesus confronted the Pharisees (Matt. 23).
- Peter confronted the Jews who crucified Christ (Acts 2).
- Aquila and Priscilla confronted Apollos (Acts 18:24).
- Paul confronted the Corinthians (I Cor. 1).
- Paul confronted Galatians (Gal.1).
- John wrote, *Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God; because many false prophets are gone out into the world*" (I John 4:1).
- Jude commanded, "*Earnestly contend for the faith...*" (Jude 3).

In light of the biblical evidence, every Christian should stand ready to confront religious differences, because for differences to exist is undeniably wrong. May God help us to "*speak the truth in love*" (Eph. 4:15).

..M. Floyd Bailey, Jr., *Green Plain Proclaimer*

**THOSE PRIVILEGED TO SERVE
WORSHIP—SUNDAY AM**

APR 15, 2018

Coordinator Steve Anderson
Announcements Kaleb Bush
Scriptures Reading.. Acts 26:26-29...Dallas Eddie

Song Leader Jacky Carver, Jr.
Opening Prayer. George Clay

Lord's Supper-Preside: Roger Draper
Serve: Glen Reece, John Leonard
Gavin Spurlin, Austin Clay
Closing Prayer.....Jacky Carver, Sr.

Greeter— Jacky & Jacqueline Carver
Greeter— Glen & Patsy Reece
Count Offering. Dallas Eddie
. Kaleb Bush
AM Sermon—Agrippa Hears Paul
PM Sermon— Holy Spirit in the Early Church

WORSHIP---SUNDAY---6:00 PM

Announcements Kaleb Bush
Song Leader. Jacky Carver, Sr.
Scripture Reading...Acts 2:38-39 Dallas Eddie
Opening Prayer Mitchell Brooks
Lord's Supper Roger Draper
. Billy Halliburton
Closing Prayer Glen Reece

BIBLE STUDY WEDNESDAY---7:00 PM

Announcement..... Kaleb Bush
Song Leader Dallas Eddie
First Prayer. Justin Draper
Opening Prayer Jacky Carver Sr.
Closing Prayer Mitchell Brooks

**Prepare Communion for APR
Teresa & Susanne**

Pantry Item: Canned Chill

MONTROSE BULLETIN BOARD

NURSING HOME:

Opal Agee-Kindred
Pearl Anderson—Knollwood Manor,
Kasel Dillehay—Overton Co. Nursing Home

THOSE ON THE SICK LIST;

W. A. Gibbs, Gladys Bowling,
Jimmie Faye Cole, Sawyer Cole,
Ramelle Cole, Carolyn Clay
Jere Andrews, Susanne Tisdale
Billy Halliburton, Tim Smith

OUR RECORD OF LOVE FOR CHRIST

04/08/18

Wednesday.	32
Worship Sunday AM	80
Bible Study Sunday AM	72
Daily Bible Readers	35
Worship Sunday PM	50

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Apr. 15.** Youth Unite at Carthage 5:00 pm
- Apr. 20** Meal and Bowling in Cookeville
- Apr. 22-25 SEIBS Lectures**
- Apr. 29** 5th. Sunday. Young Men Conduct Worship Service

READING SCHEDULE FOR APR

01 I Kgs. 4-7	11 II Kgs 16-18	21 I Chr 23-25
02 I Kgs 8-11	12 II Kgs 19-21	22 I Chr 26=29
03 I Kgs 12-14	13 II Kgs 22-24	23 II Chr 1-4
04 I Kgs 15-17	14 II Kgs 25 I	24 II Chr 5-7
05 I Kgs 18-20	Chron 1-2	25 II Chr 8-10
06 I Kgs 21-22 II	15 I Chr 3-6	26 II Chr 11-13
Kings 1	16 I Chr 7-10	27 II Chr 14-17
07 II Kgs 2-5	17 I Chr 11-13	28 II Chr 18-20
08 II Kgs 6-9	18 I Chr 14-16	29 II Chr 21-24
09 II Kgs 10-12	19 I Chr 17-19	30 II Chr 25-27
10 II Kgs 13-15	20 I Chr 20-22	