

## Was Paul an Eye-Witness?

It was required that an apostle be an eye-witness of the resurrection of Jesus Christ. In choosing one to take the place of Judas, Peter explained, "*Wherefore of these men which have accompanied with us all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us... must one be ordained to be a witness with us of his resurrection.*" (Acts 1:21-22). Later Peter said, "*This Jesus hath God raised up, whereof we all are witnesses.*" (Acts 2:32, 3:15). Saul of Tarsus was told by the Lord that he also would be in this select group: "*For I have appeared unto thee for this purpose, to make thee a minister and a witness both in those things which thou hast seen, and of those things in the which I will appear unto thee.*" (Acts 26:16). Paul saw the Lord after His resurrection, and therefore was an eye-witness of that resurrection! He did not see Him come forth from the tomb (neither did any other), yet testified that He had been raised!

Paul said, "*I delivered unto you that which I also received... that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures.*" He then related many of the appearances Jesus Christ had made, and concluded: "*And last of all he was seen of me also.*" (1 Cor. 15:1-8). Paul could, and often did, witness that God had raised Jesus Christ from the dead. He cited his witness as proof of his apostleship, also: "*Am I not an apostle? am I not free? have I not seen Jesus Christ our Lord?*" (1 Cor 9:1). Since he had seen the risen Lord, he was an eye-witness of the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the tomb.

—Dillard Thurman, *Gospel Minutes*, 03/83

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## TOMORROW AS TODAY

Have you ever noticed that our plans for change are scheduled for tomorrow? Tomorrow I am going to begin my diet. Tomorrow I am going to start running. Tomorrow I will start reading my Bible again. Tomorrow has become a day of convenience, a day where anything can be started. It is so great that we plan to change. It is amazing that we have decided to begin a new task and set an exciting goal, but why tomorrow? For some, tomorrow is a legitimate goal and plan. They really intend to accomplish whatever they have put their minds to. For others, tomorrow is an easy way to procrastinate. Procrastinators unite tomorrow! Still, why tomorrow? Even for those with the best intentions, is there not still time left in this day?

James 4:13-14 says, "Come now, you who say, 'Today or tomorrow we will go to such and such a city, spend a year there, buy and sell, and make a profit'; whereas you do not know what will happen tomorrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapor that appears for a little time and then vanishes away." We see clearly in this text that tomorrow is not something which is promised to us. We do not know if our tomorrow will

become a reality. As we plan and live out our lives, the only one who knows what tomorrow will be is God.

In James 4:15 we are told to say, “If the Lord wills, we shall live and do this or that.” All things are under the control of the Almighty God, and He alone knows the things of tomorrow. Since God is the only one who knows tomorrow, how should we go about planning our lives? As humans, we will probably all continue to make plans and set schedules. When we do, we should do so with the will of God in mind. When it comes to the frivolous things of this life, tomorrow might be sufficient, but we must understand God is in control. However, not everything we plan is frivolous. Some of the things we are planning to do will impact our lives forever; they will impact our souls. Do we really want to wait for tomorrow to change our spiritual condition when we do not know if tomorrow will even come? Instead of waiting for tomorrow, let us view our tomorrow as today, knowing who we are and where we stand before the Lord. If we do so, if tomorrow comes, we can be confident in that day and continue our lives living for Him.

—Derek Broome, [gospelgazette.com](http://gospelgazette.com), 04/18

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July 15, 2018

VACATION  
BIBLE  
SCHOOL

**“EXCAVATE, DISCOVERING THE TREASURES  
OF JESUS”**

**JULY 8-12<sup>TH</sup>.**

**6:30 – 8:00 PM**  
**CLASSES FOR ALL AGES**  
**REFRESHMENTS**  
**EACH NIGHT**  
**53 LAKESIDE DR.**  
**CARTHAGE TN.**

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

**JULY 15, 2018**

Coordinator . . . . . Steve Anderson  
Announcements . . . . . Kaleb Bush  
Scriptures Reading.. I John 4:11-12...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—  
PM Sermon—

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

Announcements . . . . . Kaleb Bush  
Song Leader. . . . . Jacky Carver, Sr.  
Scripture Reading...James 5:15-16... Dallas Eddie  
Opening Prayer . . . . . Mitchell Brooks  
Lord's Supper . . . . . Roger Draper  
. . . . . Ethan Leonard  
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 JULY**  
**Melanie Smith**

**MONTROSE BULLETIN BOARD**

**NURSING HOME:**

Opal Agee-Kindred  
Pearl Anderson—Knollwood Manor,

**THOSE ON THE SICK LIST;**

W. A. Gibbs, Gladys Bowling,  
Jimmie Faye Cole, Sawyer Cole,  
Ramelle Cole, Susanne Tisdale  
Billy Halliburton, Tim Smith,  
Diana Preston

**OUR RECORD OF LOVE FOR CHRIST**

07/08/18

Wednesday. . . . . 28  
Worship Sunday AM . . . . . 80  
Bible Study Sunday AM . . . . . 79  
Daily Bible Readers . . . . . 29  
Worship Sunday PM . . . . . N/A

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

July 8-12th. VBS 6:30 each night  
July 15-21st. JSCYC  
July 22nd. Begin collecting school supplies for  
July 29th. Young men conduct service

**READING SCHEDULE FOR JULY**

1 Ps 116-120	11 Ps 150;	21 Eccle, 1-3
2 Ps121-123	Prov. 1,2	22 Eccle. 4-8
3 Ps124-126	12 Prov. 3-5	23 Eccle. 9-11
4 Ps127-129	13 Prov. 6-8	24 Eccle. 12;
5 Ps130-132	14 Pro. 9-11	S. of S. 1-2
6 Ps133-135	15 Pro 12-16	25 S of Sol. 3-5
7 Ps136-138	16 Pro 17-19	26 S of Sol. 6-8
8 Ps139-143	17 Pro 20-22	27 Isaiah1-3
9 Ps144-146	18 Pro 23-25	28 Isa. 4-6
10 Ps147-149	19 Pro 26-28	29 Isa. 7-11
	20 Pro 29-31	30 Isa. 12-14
		31 Isa. 15-17