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## **APPEALING TO THE TRUTH OF SCRIPTURE**

This article will be a little different than most articles that I have written in this bulletin. This is because I am going to cite the words of four well-known men. The purpose of this is to make a point that the religious world seems to have overlooked. Using these quotes does not mean that these men were infallible or inspired by God. What it means is that we *can* understand the Bible alike and that we will all speak the same thing (I Cor. 1:10) when we follow the Bible (I Pet. 4:11) and reject the opinions and doctrines of men on Bible subjects (Matt. 15:8-9)! Please consider the following: **Baptism Saves Us: John Calvin (Presbyterian)** “For he commands all who believe to be baptized for the remission of their sins. Therefore, those who have imagined that baptism is nothing

*more than a mark or sign by which we profess our religion before men, as soldiers wear the insignia of their sovereign as a mark of their profession, have not considered that which was the principal thing in baptism; which is, that we ought to receive it with this promise, “He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved” — Mark 16:16”* (*“Institute,”* Book IV, chapter 13). **The Lord’s Supper: John Wesley (Methodist)** “I also advise the elders to administer the Supper of the Lord on every Lord’s Day” (*“Letters to America,”* 1784). **Wearing Religious Names Other Than “Christian”:** **Martin Luther** “I pray you to leave my name alone, and call not yourselves Lutherans, but Christians. Who is Luther? My doctrine is not mine. I have not been crucified for any one. St. Paul (I Cor. 1:13) would not have

*any should call themselves of Paul or of Peter, but of Christ. How, then, does it befit me, a miserable bag of dust and ashes, to give my name to the children of Christ?*

*Cease, my dear friends, to cling to these party names and*

*distinctions; away with them all;*

*and let us call ourselves only*

*Christians after Him from whom*

*our doctrine comes" (Life of*

*Luther, By Stork, p. 289). **John***

**Wesley (Methodist)** *"Would to*

*God that all party names and un-*

*Scriptural phrases and forms*

*which have divided the Christian*

*world were forgot; that we might*

*all agree to sit down together as*

*humble, loving disciples at the*

*feet of the common Master to*

*hear His Word, imbibe His spirit*

*and to transcribe His life in our*

*own." He also wished that "the*

*very name (Methodist) might*

*never be mentioned more, but be*

*buried in eternal*

*oblivion" (Universal Knowledge,*

*Vol. IX, p. 540). **C.H. Spurgeon***

**(Baptist)** *"I look forward with*

*pleasure to the day when there*

*will not be a Baptist living. I hope*

*they will soon be gone. I hope the*

*Baptist name will soon perish; but*

*let Christ's name last*

*forever" (Spurgeon Memorial*

*Library, Vol. I, p. 168). There are*

*other quotes we could cite as*

*well, but these are enough to*

show us that these men had a

clear understanding of such

passages as Mark 16:16; Acts

11:26; Matthew 26:26-29; Acts

2:42, 20:7; I Peter 3:21; I Peter

4:16 and other similar passages.

It also shows us that **we** can have

the same knowledge and

understanding if we will but

study God's word and apply it (II

Tim. 2:15; Eph. 3:4). The

question remains that if these

men (who were either the

founders or highly prominent in

the various denominations that

exist today) could understand

God's word concerning these

issues, why can't people today

understand God's word, too? The

truth is that they (and we) can

understand God's word alike

(Eph. 3:4, 5:17). Perhaps the

problem was best summed up

when Christ said when He

said, *"By hearing ye shall hear,*

*and shall not understand; and*

*seeing ye shall see, and shall not*

*perceive: For this people's heart is*

*waxed gross, and their ears are*

*dull of hearing, and their eyes*

*they have closed; lest at any time*

*they should see with their eyes*

*and hear with their ears, and*

*should understand with their*

*heart, and should be converted,*

*and I should heal them" (Matt.*

*13:14-15; also Acts 26:27-28;*

*Isa. 6:9). It has been rightly said,*

"It doesn't matter what you know, but how you feel about it!" How do **you** feel about God's word? It will judge us one day (Jn. 12:48). Are you ready for the Judgment day? Are you willing to take God at His word, follow His will and be a Christian (Jn. 14:15, 15:14; Mk. 16:16; Acts 2:38; Acts 11:26; II Jn. 9)? – Jarrod Jacobs

### **Condemning The World**

How many times have we heard people say words to the effect that if you tell them about the plan of salvation, or the church, or about moral behavior, showing how they are in error, then you are "condemning" them? Is this reasonable?

Friends, when one takes a stand for the truth, he will be condemning those who are not following the truth. Please read Hebrews 11:7. *"By faith Noah, being warned of God of things not seen as yet, moved with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house; by the which he condemned the world, and became heir of the righteousness which is by faith."* When Noah built the ark, following God's plan to the letter (Gen. 6:22), the Bible says he condemned the world. How did Noah do this? He condemned the world in three ways: **1) He condemned the world by living by faith** (Heb.

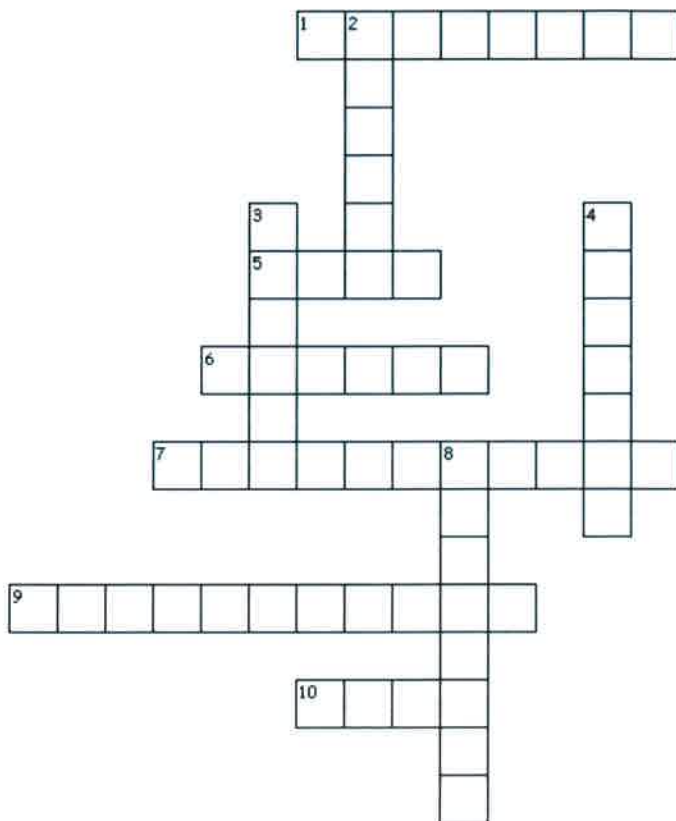
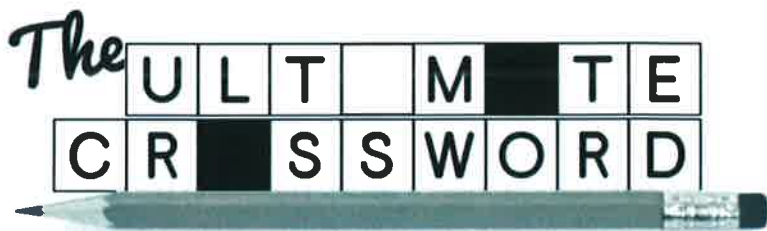
11:7). God told Noah what to do, and he did it without question (Rom. 10:17; Gen. 6:22). His family followed his lead (I Pet. 3:20). The rest of the world refused to listen to God (through the preaching of Noah, II Pet. 2:5) and drowned in the flood. Yes, Noah and his family lived by faith, but countless others died because they did not (Heb. 11:6)!

### **2) He condemned the world by heeding the warnings of**

**God** (Gen. 6:13). Again, when the people heard Noah's preaching, they refused to follow God's will and get into the ark. When Noah was warned of *"things not seen as yet,"* he heeded the warning. In like manner, we are warned by God of an eternity in Hell for our disbelief and disobedience. Are we heeding the warning of the Lord who has said He will come *"in flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ"* (II Thess. 1:6-9)? **3) He condemned the**

### **world by preparing for the coming flood.**

Noah's preparation of the ark showed that he not only believed *in* God but believed God. Those who have faith in God will do what He says to do (Rom. 10:16). – Jarrod Jacobs



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1. In Antioch, it was told how God opened a door of faith to \_\_\_\_\_. (Acts 14:27)
5. When you \_\_\_\_\_, go in your inner room and close the door. (Mt. 6:6)
6. Two \_\_\_\_\_ pulled Lot back into his house and shut the door. (Gen. 19:10,15)
7. Isaiah sung, "Close the doors behind you until \_\_\_\_\_ passes by." (Is. 26:20)
9. Whoever entered a \_\_\_\_\_ house became unclean until evening. (Lev. 14:46)
10. Once inside the ark, God closed the \_\_\_\_\_ behind them. (Gen. 7:16;6:16)

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2. \_\_\_\_\_ told a widow to shut the door behind her while pouring oil. (2 Kgs. 4:4)
3. Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ a door no one could shut in Philadelphia. (Rev. 3:8;7)
4. God knew \_\_\_\_\_ would say the wilderness had shut Israel in. (Ex. 14:3)
8. The doors were shut where Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ to the disciples. (Jn. 20:19)