

When Christians Sin

When we are baptized for the forgiveness of our sins (Acts 2:38), in order to be saved (Mark 16:16), God takes away every sin we have ever committed (Acts 22:16). He wipes our slate clean (1 Corinthians 6:11). He gives us a new beginning and we are born again (John 3:3, 5) and we are raised to walk in newness of life (Romans 6:3-4).

But after we have been baptized and God has taken away all of our sins, what do we do when we commit other sins? How do we get forgiveness of these sins? For the answer to this let us look at the Epistle of First John. First John was written to Christians who had been baptized for the forgiveness of their sins, just as you and I have been.

1 John 1:7 says, "But if we walk in the light as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin." Here this verse says we must be doing two things so that the blood of Jesus Christ will continue to cleanse us of all our sins. 1) We must "walk in the light", that is we must be following God's word in the Bible. 2) Also must "have fellowship one with another", that is we must be regularly worshipping God in His church and working with other Christians. The original Greek word that is translated "cleanses" in this verse means that there is a continual cleansing going on. Herein lies the problem with those who have become unfaithful in their worship. Because they are not having fellowship one with another, they are no longer receiving forgiveness of their sins.

Then we continue to read the next verse 1 John 1:9, "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." We must repent and ask God to forgive us, and He will. When we stand before the Lord on Judgment Day we will have no sins and we will go to Heaven. This is very comforting to know that we are being continually cleansed.

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Is Evolution A Fact?

There are many people today who try to present the unproven theory of evolution as a proven fact. The reason for the theory of evolution is that godless people do not want to admit that there is a God and to submit to Him. They want to live their life without God. As Psalms 14:1 says, "The fool says in his heart, 'There is no God'". With all of the amazing wonders of God's creation, man is still looking for another way it could have happened. But as Romans 1:20 says, "For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so they are without excuse." Because of the wonders of God's creation, people have no excuse for not believing in God. God "did not leave Himself without witness" (Acts 14:17).

The atheistic theory of evolution pretends to be science. Evolution is not demonstrable as a scientific fact, because it is neither observable, repeatable, nor predictable. It is impossible for evolution to ever be proven. There is no known case of macroevolution (from one distinct "kind" of organism to another) in all the thousands of years of recorded history. Also the fossil record does not prove evolution, but it actually disproves it.

Scientists have in their possession billions of known non-transitional fossils but there are no transitional forms between the different kinds even though evolutionists have been looking very intently for them for hundreds of years. Genesis 1:12, 21, 24 says everything was to reproduce "according to its kind". If evolution is true we should find innumerable fossilized ancestors and transitional forms, but there are none. However, every one of these complex invertebrates appear fully formed. God said to Moses in Exodus 20:11, "For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them." Notice the words "in" and "all". IN six days God created ALL that was created. Atheistic man says that life has been evolving on this earth for the past 4.6 billion years, but God, our Creator, says He completed everything in six days. Who are you going to believe, God or man?

Webster defines the word "theory" as "a speculative idea or plan as to how something might be done, a mere conjecture or guess". By using a handful of bone fragments, a piece of skull, and a couple of teeth evolutionary artists create a complete hairy ape-man like creature to try to prove their theory. Some imagination! Our children are constantly being bombarded with this theory in school, on TV, in magazines, etc. It is presented as though it was true. This is very dishonest. If one hears something often enough and long enough one will tend to believe it. This is called "brain washing".

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Schedule of Services

Sunday

Bible Class 10:00 AM
Morning Worship 11:00 AM
Evening Worship 6:00 PM

Wednesday

Bible Class 7:00 PM

Those Privileged to Serve

AM Service

Song Leader Michael Hawkins
Opening Prayer Hayward Blanton
Scripture John Keaton
Sermon Irvin Williams
Lord's Supper
Message Caleb Hambelton
Attendant Harold Tincher
Attendant David Blackwell
Closing Prayer Clint Smith Jr

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Song Leader Robby Stocksdales
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Selection 27
Prayer Matt Johnson
Sermon Irvin Williams
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AM & PM Services

Announcements Joe Sweeney
Lord's Supper Kevin Blalock
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Usher Jeremy Montgomery
Count Offering Art Patrick
Assist Count Hank Tincher

Last Sunday

Contribution \$3462
Attendance 97

Evolutionists have partly succeeded in passing off their unproven theory as a "proven fact". Evolutionists think that, if they can even imagine in their biased minds how things might have evolved themselves into higher levels of complexity, that it is sufficient proof that it must have happened, and that everyone should accept it.

When a theory becomes dogma, its proponents seek every device to protect their theory from challenges and seek to ban any alternatives. This is poor science and a violation of academic freedom. Today evolutionists dominate our educational establishment and scientific organizations. Evolution is accepted and promoted by the majority of the mass media: radio, television, newspapers, and magazines. The evolutionary establishment reacts in a fit of mass hysteria to even the feeble challenges to its control of public education and the promotion of the theory of evolution as an established fact. Because "they did not like to retain God in their knowledge" (Romans 1:28), "And for this reason God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: and that they all might be condemned who did not believe the truth" (2 Thessalonians 2:11-12). Many evolutionary scientists have devoted their best efforts to protect their unproven theory from any negative data.

There is actually a considerable amount of sound, scientific evidence that contradicts the theory of evolution. In fact, this evidence is rarely, if ever, mentioned in textbooks. Shouldn't teachers and students be allowed to search out and consider scientific evidence that contradicts the assumptions and claims of the theory of evolution? This questioning of evolution is not allowed in the USA; but it is allowed in Russia. Such an educational process amounts to indoctrination of a particular world-view philosophy. This is the reason the unproven theory of evolution is so widely accepted in the USA today.

The theory of evolution violates two of the most basic fundamental scientific laws of nature: the First and Second Laws of Thermodynamics. These are laws that even the atheistic scientists accept. The First Law states that whatever changes that may take place, the sum total of energy and matter remains constant. Nothing now is being either created or destroyed. The Second Law states that every change which takes place naturally and spontaneously tends to go from a state of order to one of disorder, from the complex to the simple. Since the universe is like a clock that is running down, it is obvious that it hasn't existed forever, but was created.

It has been claimed that "the scientific consensus about evolution is very close to unanimous". This is only wishful thinking. Thousands of scientists holding advanced degrees in science from major universities throughout the world reject evolutionary theory and have become convinced on the basis of scientific evidence that "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth" (Genesis 1:1). Sir Fred Hoyle, a world famous British astronomer and former atheist after researching for years, declared that the probability of an evolutionary origin of life anywhere in the universe is equal to the probability of a tornado sweeping through a junkyard assembling a Boeing 747. The theory of evolution has always been and always will be an unprovable theory. Evolution requires a higher degree of faith than creationism. "Let God be true and every man a liar" (Romans 3:4). "And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind" (Romans 1:28).

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Sermons

Lamentations 1:1-12

"Is it Nothing to You" (a.m.)

"The Family of God" (p.m.)

Prayer Requests

Hamburg Pike Happenings

A note from our Elders: Jerry and Hayward invite and encourage the male members of the congregation to volunteer to present a Wednesday devotional during the spring quarter March thru May. The sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board. Lessons should be prepared and 3 – 5 minutes in duration.

The Monday Night for the Master group will meet Monday April 7th at 6 pm. Sign the sheet in the foyer if you plan to attend. Please come join us.

The 2014 Spring Mill Bible camp is scheduled for June and July. Registration forms are available in the foyer. Please see Clint Smith Jr. for details.

Hamburg Pike is holding a Gospel meeting April 25-27. The guest speaker is to be Doug Burleson.

Caleb Hambelton will be visiting Hamburg Pike the first weekend of April. On April 6th, he will teach the teen class on Sunday morning, present the Lord's Supper message, and lead the Pew Packers class.

Volunteers are needed to prepare the communion trays. Please sign the sheet on the bulletin board if you can serve in this way.

Our dearest brothers and sisters,

We want to thank you for the loving way you said goodbye to us on Sunday. We were overwhelmed by your kind words, cards, gifts, and thoughtful gestures. We will always treasure our special memories of Jeffersonville. And we definitely want to stay in touch! Our new address is 725 Smith Lane, Seagoville, TX 75159. Our phone numbers will remain the same temporarily, and we will pass along the new numbers as soon as we change them. May love, grace, and peace be multiplied to all of you!

David and Carolyn Wright

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