

*Welcome To Open Bible Hour*

*Happy*

*Thanksgiving*

*“In  
Everything  
Give  
Thanks”*

*1 Thess. 5:18*



# Greet, Meet, & Eat

9:45 - 10:00

(2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Every Month)



- Cider & Treats at back table - help yourself!
- Find people you have never met and introduce yourself to them.

## ***Looking Ahead –***

**November 20 & 27** – due to retirement receptions for Leith and Charleen in the Chapel on both of these Sunday mornings, the Berean class will meet in the center Great Room (GR 2) and Open Bible Hour will meet in Great Room 3 for both November 20 and 27.

**Dec. 6:** OBH Christmas Banquet.

*Register at the Wooddale Ticket Desk*



*OPEN BIBLE HOUR  
CHRISTMAS BANQUET  
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6*

*GREAT ROOM*

*6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.*

*Cost: \$11/person*

*Register at the Wooddale Ticket Desk*

*Bring a gender neutral gift valued at \$5*

*More details to follow.*

Dave, an author, speaker and communication consultant, will speak on the topic **Ordinary People CAN Make a Difference**. He will relate how God used very ordinary people –North Americans, Mexicans and Maya Indians who were available and faithful – to bring about the extraordinary transformation of a whole people group: the Chamulas of southern Mexico.



In 2003, Dave began working through his church with the Maya people of Central America. In May 2006 he led a video team to southern Mexico where they documented how certain words translated into the Chamula-Tzotzil dialect had transformed this poor, wretched and disenfranchised minority into a powerful spiritual and economic force for good.

In September 2008, Dave traveled again to southern Mexico to interview eyewitnesses to this amazing transformation. The result was an adult non-fiction novel published by STEM Press™. That 192-page book was entitled ***These Words Changed Everything™***.

**“This book contains the thrilling story of how God used Ken and Elaine Jacobs to bring His Written Word to tens of thousands of people living in southern Mexico. ... The fire of evangelism [now] burns as brightly in that once hostile region as anywhere on earth. You will love this exciting true story!”**

**—Tim LaHaye**

# “HOW TO PRESENT THE GOSPEL”

November 20, 2011

# Topics

1. Witnessing and the Holy Spirit.
2. What do Paul, Lydia, the 600,000 in Nineveh, and every converted unbeliever have in common?
3. Witnessing and the Word of God.
4. Why the negative first and not the positive?
5. Weak/shallow gospel.
6. Justification vs. sanctification.
7. Lordship salvation.
8. Religious people.
9. Witnessing to people at different relationship levels.
10. Terminology.
11. How to handle objections.
12. Witnessing to Jews.
13. Transitions.
14. The importance of pre-witnessing training.
15. Observer/Presenter.
16. Memorization

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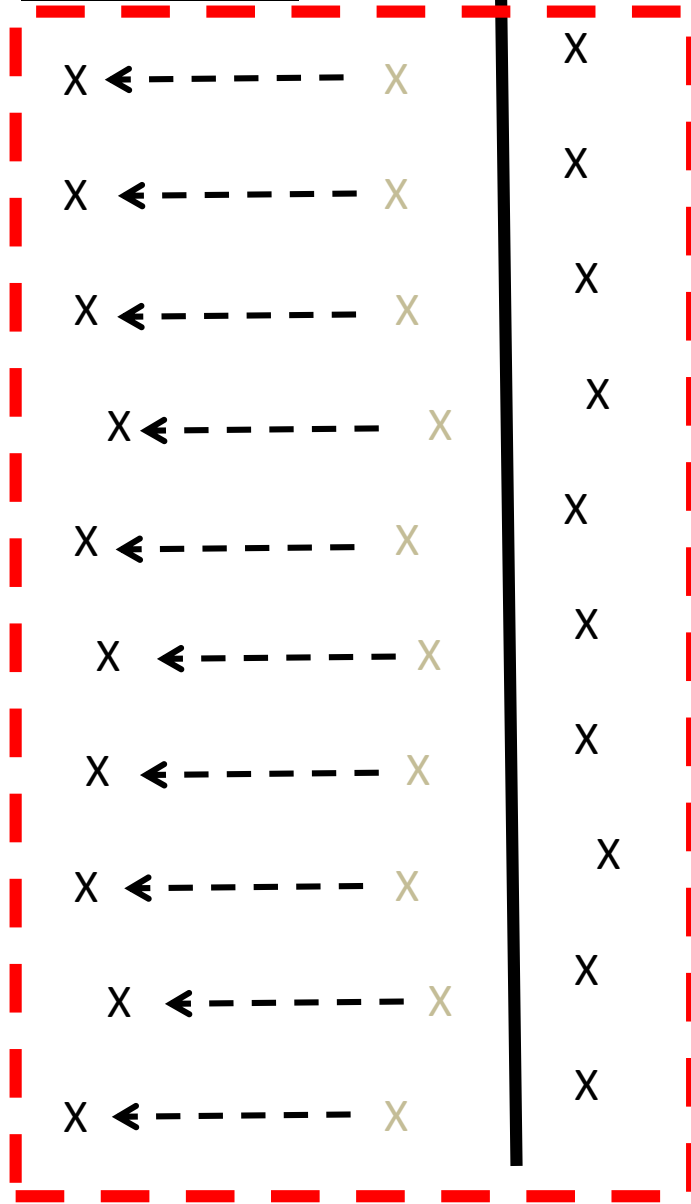
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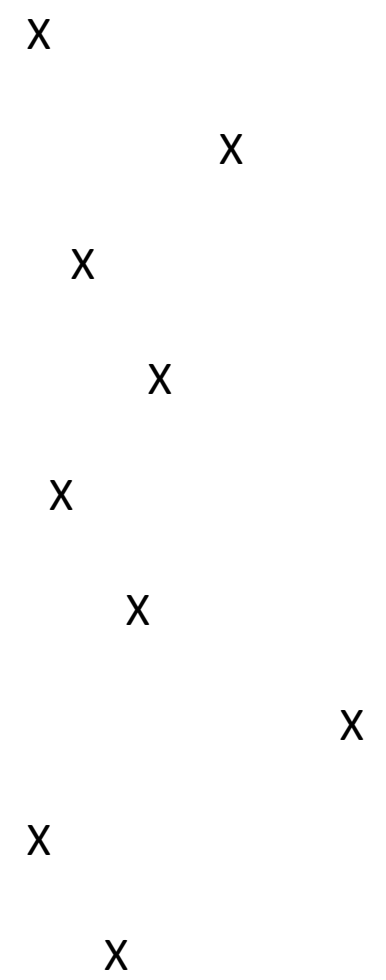
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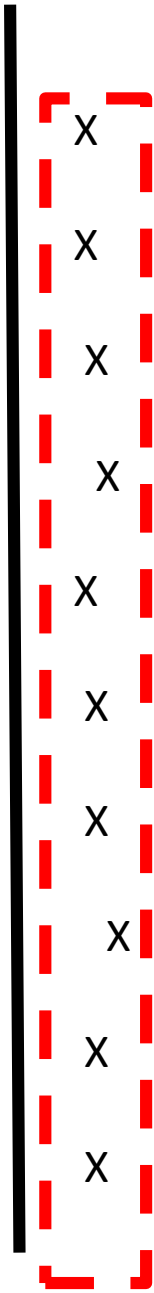


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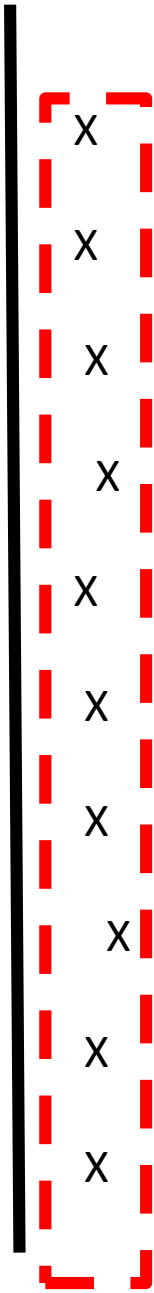
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*What keeps believers from advancing to maturity?*

**3 major reasons:**

1. Not being fed the “meat” of the Word.  
Heb. 5:13,14;  
1 Cor. 3:1-3
2. Paralyzed by doubt.  
James 1:6-8; Jude 22
3. Stuck in the past.  
Is. 43:18; Phil. 3:13

## Assurance

### 1 John 5:11-13

11 And the testimony is this, that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son.

12 He who has the Son has the life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have the life.

13 These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

### John 10:27-29

27 "My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me;

28 and I give eternal life to them, and they will never perish; and no one will snatch them out of My hand.

29 "My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand.

### Rom 8:1

8 Therefore there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

### Rom 8:29-30

29 For those whom He foreknew, He also predestined to become conformed to the image of His Son, so that He would be the firstborn among many brethren;

30 and these whom He predestined, He also called; and these whom He called, He also justified; and these whom He justified, He also glorified.

## **Heb 10:14**

14 For by one offering He has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified.

## **1 Peter 1:3-5**

3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His great mercy has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

4 to obtain an inheritance which is imperishable and undefiled and will not fade away, reserved in heaven for you,

5 who are protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

## **1 Cor 15:1-3**

1 Now I make known to you, brethren, the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received, in which also you stand,

2 by which also you are saved, if you hold fast the word which I preached to you, unless you believed in vain.

3 For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures,

## **1 John 4:17**

17 By this, love is perfected with us, so that we may have confidence in the day of judgment;

## **Rom 8:35-39**

35 Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

36 Just as it is written,

"FOR YOUR SAKE WE ARE BEING PUT TO DEATH ALL DAY LONG;  
WE WERE CONSIDERED AS SHEEP TO BE SLAUGHTERED."

37 But in all these things we overwhelmingly conquer through Him who loved us.

38 For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers,

39 nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, will be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

## **2 Tim 1:12**

12 but I am not ashamed; for I know whom I have believed and I am convinced that He is able to guard what I have entrusted to Him until that day.

## **Jude 1**

1 Jude, a bond-servant of Jesus Christ, and brother of James,

To those who are the called, beloved in God the Father, and kept for Jesus Christ:

## **Eph 1:13-14**

13 In Him, you also, after listening to the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation — having also believed, you were sealed in Him with the Holy Spirit of promise,

14 who is given as a pledge of our inheritance, with a view to the redemption of God's own possession, to the praise of His glory.

## **Luke 15:7**

7 "I tell you that in the same way, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

## **Application**

1. People often lack assurance because they have erroneously been taught that they should look to themselves and their works as the primary proof of their salvation. Some unbelievers act more Christian than some believers.
2. I know I belong to Christ because I have believed in Jesus Christ as my only Savior and Redeemer from eternal destruction. It's not the evidences of my life that are my basis for knowing that. It's the Word of God.
3. Who is the object of your faith? Christ or you???
4. The more you grow as a believer, the more you are mindful of your sin, the less assurance you will have "in yourself", the more assurance you will have in Christ.
5. Because you doubt your salvation does not mean you are not a believer. That's Satan playing on your fear and getting you into a corner where he can "beat and pummel you into spiritual paralysis" and he loves it.
6. A believer can't move forward in their Christian life if they don't know if they really are a Christian.
7. My assurance rests on the promises of God in His Word of what Christ has done for me and not on my every doubt or whim that comes from a life that is not 100% pleasing to God.
8. If you doubt your salvation what your saying is "God I really don't believe what your Son did on the cross and the life he lived is really enough to cover me".
9. I am not trying to convince someone that they are a believer if they really aren't, and I'm not trying to take away a person's salvation if they are really saved.
10. Shame on those who lay the burden of the assurance of a believer's salvation directly on the works and fruit as seen in their lives. That is pure Pharisaicalism.



## **Heb 12:1-2**

12 Therefore, since we have so great a cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let us also lay aside every encumbrance and the sin which so easily entangles us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us,

2 fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

So why do we care if those chosen by God are going to make it to heaven anyway even if I distort the gospel one way or another?

2 reasons:

1. Because God holds me responsible as to how I handle the Word.
2. Because it is so disastrous for the testimony of the Church to produce people who are either antinomians (anything goes) or legalists (subjective standards) who call themselves Christians.

## ***Both sides are right and both sides are wrong –***

### **Lordship Salvation proponents:**

- are right in accusing many in Free Grace of preaching a weak/shallow gospel leading to “easy believism”.
- are wrong to bring conditions for sanctification and make them a part of the gospel message.
- are wrong to confuse justification with sanctification.
- are wrong to make assurance dependent on subjective sanctification and instill everlasting doubt in many believers.

### **Free Grace proponents:**

- are right in accusing many in Lordship Salvation of adding sanctifying works to the gospel.
- are wrong to present a weak, shallow gospel.
- are wrong in excluding repentance from sin from the gospel.
- are wrong on no expectations, fruit, or works from a saved life.