

NEEDED: MORE COMMON SENSE

Perhaps you have heard someone say, “There goes a brilliant person, but he does not have one ounce of common sense.” What such a statement generally means is that although the individual has a high IQ and has excelled in numerous fields of higher education, he **fails** to grasp what those with only “common ability” easily and immediately comprehend. I have often said that some folks have been educated far beyond their intelligence. The common sense that many people possess is quickly cast aside and forgotten **after** they achieve various degrees from institutions of higher learning. Let us notice some areas where less emphasis on worldly education and more emphasis on the Bible and common sense would surely profit.

- Can one be convinced that meticulous planning must be done by the designers of our space program to successfully transport man to the moon and back, but then fail to comprehend that this grand universe had a **Designer**? What happens to common sense?
- Can one see the truth that even though all parts to a wristwatch are placed into a box and the box is shaken on a regular basis (“big shake theory), the wristwatch will never be correctly assembled without **someone** fitting the pieces together? This universe is far more complex than a wristwatch, and yet many believe that by chance the universe has slowly evolved to its present status without the help of a **Creator** or **Maker**. Where is common sense?
- Will one argue that there is an all-wise, all-knowing, and all-powerful God, but that mankind has been left with God’s inspired revelation (the Bible) which cannot be correctly understood? Can God in

His infinite wisdom not clearly communicate with man? What happens to common sense when people accuse the Bible (God’s book) of being too difficult to understand?

- Can one claim to be a member of the **Lord’s body** of which Christ is the Head (Eph. 1:22-23) and yet belong to and be serving and worshipping in a **man-made body** that has only existed for three or four hundred years and cannot be identified in the Bible? What happens to common sense?
- Will one contend that an eternal, infinite God cannot provide man with an infallible, inspired, relevant and permanent “pattern” or “blueprint” for the church, but that mortal, finite, non-inspired men do a better job by meeting each year and **changing** what was **binding** the previous year? Whatever happened to common sense?
- Will one argue that “sprinkling” is an acceptable mode of baptism while not one command or example for such can be found in the Bible? Is this common sense? Is it common sense to reject the Bible definition of baptism as a “*burial*” (Rom. 6:4), or to ignore the fact that Philip and the eunuch “*went down into the water*” and “*came up out of the water*” (Acts 8:38-39). John “*was baptizing in Enon near to Salim, because there was much water there: and they came, and were baptized*” (John 3:23). A little common sense reveals that one does **not need much water** for sprinkling.
- Will one argue that baptism has nothing to do with salvation when the Bible clearly and forcefully states that just as Noah and his family “*were saved through water: which also after a true likeness doth now save*

you, even baptism ...” (1 Pet. 3:21). If one claims to believe the Bible, why reject the true teaching of an inspired man saying that baptism saves, and accept the uninspired teaching of some man who says baptism does not save. Whatever happened to common sense?

- Can elders in the Lord’s church convince themselves that the flock is spiritually stronger than it was fifty years ago because they have decided to “minister” to the “whole man” and his “felt needs” while failing to “*seek and save the lost*” (Luke 19:10) with the pure, unadulterated, precious gospel (Gal. 1:6-9)? What happens to common sense?
- Do elders believe that a congregation is better off than it was fifty years ago because they now have a preacher with a perverted degree in Bible from some so-called Christian University to **relate** to the adults and a “youth minister” to **entertain** the young folks? Where is common sense when it is needed?
- To claim to believe in the Bible and then refuse to worship God “*in spirit and truth*” (John 4:24) is dishonest! God’s Word is truth (John 17:17) – not what man thinks or feels! What happens to common sense?

One really needs **help** to misunderstand the teaching of the Bible. I am persuaded that ordinary “common sense” and studying nothing but the **Bible** is the answer to learning God’s glorious truths.

Yes, we need the Bible and more common sense!

Marvin L. Weir from Bonham St. Beacon

BIRTHDAY

Trent Thrasher, 05-19.

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Sunday: Jessica and Jennifer Carter (AM); Joy Parish; Millie Robertson (PM).

Wednesday: Janice Carter; Millie Robertson.

Barbara James' Aunt, Evelyn Marquardt was hospitalized last week at the Olathe Medical Center. She was released on Wednesday and returned to the nursing home.

Those battling cancer: Ledgia Campbell, Vic Cuney; Betty James and Cleo Stone. Please remember these in your prayers.

HOME BOUND

Kathleen Camp is in Room 101 at the Royal Terrace Nursing Home in Olathe. Marion Stone is at home. Barbara James' Aunt, Evelyn Marquardt is at the Sweet Life of Rosehill in Shawnee. Please remember these in your prayers and visitation.

OUT OF TOWN

Wilba Hopkins is in Iola, KS this weekend for her grandson's High School graduation. Steven and Debbie Schleif were visiting relatives in Hutchison, KS last weekend. Clara Scott was visiting relatives last Sunday evening. Monica Nemechek was away on business Wednesday night.

MEN'S BUSINESS MEETING

Our monthly Men's Business Meeting will be held this Sunday, May 17 following our AM worship. All men of the congregation are encouraged to attend.

ATTENDANCE

Sunday AM, 45; Sunday PM, 39; Wednesday PM, 36.

Point To Ponder

In these days, common sense is not all that common!

Those To Serve

May 17, 2009

BUILDING AND COMMUNION..... Parish

MORNING WORSHIP

ANNOUNCEMENTS..... George Thomas
SONG LEADER..... Trent Thrasher
OPENING PRAYER Jared Nelson
PRESIDE..... Jeff Nemechek
ASSIST..... John Cody Carter
ASSIST..... Steven Schleif
CLOSING PRAYER..... Joel Nelson

EVENING WORSHIP

OPENING PRAYER John Dodson
CLOSING PRAYER..... Chris Edwards
LORD'S SUPPER..... Jeff Nemechek

WEDNESDAY 20th

SONG LEADER..... Trent Thrasher
INVITATION Ted Thrasher

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday

Bible Study 9:30 AM
Morning Worship 10:30 AM
Evening Worship 6:00 PM

Wednesday

Ladies Bible Study 10:00 AM
Bible Study 7:00 PM

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