



Welcome!

## First-Century Christianity

Is it possible for people living today simply to be New Testament Christians? Can we be first-century Christians in the twenty-first century? So much is said today about “change”—and much change is evident. Computers, communications, and candidates are constantly changing. Must the gospel be changed to fit a changing world, or is the message of Christ’s sacrifice still enough for today (1 Corinthians 15:1-4)?

**Man has not changed.** In what is thought to be the oldest book in the Bible (Job), Job’s friend said that man “drinks iniquity like water!” (Job 15:16). That could be a description of people today. People now struggle with the same greed, lust, and bitterness as those of previous generations. Human nature today is as it was yesterday. Man has always been given the choice of good or evil (Deuteronomy 11:26) and has always—to some degree—chosen evil (Romans 3:23).

**Man’s problem has not changed.** In Noah’s days, people were wicked; “The Lord saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually” (Genesis 6:5). In our day sin is still our problem. Man is sinful, ungodly. “There is not a just man on earth who does good and does not sin” (Ecclesiastes 7:20). There is not even one accountable person who has not sinned (Romans 3:10, 23). Our problem is a common problem—sin.

**Man’s hope has not changed.** Jesus is our only hope. Paul spoke of “Christ . . . the hope of glory” (Colossians 1:27). Jesus “bore our sins in His own body on the tree” (1 Peter 2:24). Without this death, man would be without hope. “Christ also suffered once for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive by the Spirit” (1 Peter 3:18). Man’s hope is in the fact that Jesus suffered sin’s penalty in man’s place.

**Man is the same;** sin is the same; man’s hope is the same. First-century Christianity is possible today. Through a return to New Testament teaching and in loving obedience to the gospel, we can be Christians only (Acts 2:36-47; Romans 6:1-6). God requires learning of Christ (Romans 10:17), belief in Christ (John 3:16), repentance of sin (Acts 2:38), confession of faith (Romans 10:9-10), and baptism (Mark 16:16). Have you obeyed the gospel? If not, now is the time!—*adapted from Charles Box* By **House to House Heart to Heart**

# Sometimes, I Just Need To Dream

## Revelation 21.1-4

- 1) Can you imagine the beauty of heaven?
- 2) We are given glimpses of heaven throughout the New Testament.
- 3) But how often do we lose focus of heaven?
- 4) Sometimes, when things get tough, I just need to lay back and dream.

## I Dream About Heaven And...

### I) Hearing \_\_\_\_\_ (2

#### Corinthians 12.1-4).

- A) Paul recounts being taken to the \_\_\_\_\_ heaven.
  - 1) Why did Paul not want to tell everyone of his experience?
  - 2) This revelation was given to Paul to \_\_\_\_\_ him against all the pain and suffering he would face.
- B) What is profitable for man is \_\_\_\_\_ (2 Timothy 3.16, 17; John 12.48).
  - 1) The Bible is \_\_\_\_\_ and does not need to be \_\_\_\_\_ by any further revelation.
- C) Paul hears \_\_\_\_\_ words.
  - 1) What did Paul hear in heaven that he could not express in human language?
  - 2) Even if he could, he was \_\_\_\_\_ to reveal what he heard.

### II) Having a \_\_\_\_\_ (2 Corinthians 5.1-3).

- A) In context, Paul is referring to his \_\_\_\_\_ body.
  - 1) The word “house” refers to the dwelling place of the \_\_\_\_\_.
  - 2) When my body is really hurting, it does me good to \_\_\_\_\_.
- B) What kind of \_\_\_\_\_ will I have?
  - 1) Our bodies will be like that of \_\_\_\_\_.
  - 2) In heaven, our bodies will be just like Christ’s \_\_\_\_\_.

### III) A New \_\_\_\_\_ (Revelation 21.1-4).

- A) The apostle John, while exiled on the isle of Patmos, received a vision of \_\_\_\_\_.
  - 1) In heaven, we will dwell with \_\_\_\_\_.
  - 2) Looking down upon the heavenly city, John describes it as a precious, \_\_\_\_\_.
- B) John wants us to know how \_\_\_\_\_ the city is (Revelation 21.15-17).
- C) Inside the city, John doesn’t see a \_\_\_\_\_; he sees \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
- D) John sees a crystal clear \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ (Revelation 22.1-6).

**Conclusion:** Are you ready to become a child of God today?

# C O N N E C T I O N

Hello, church! Today, our featured member is Charles Stephan. Charles has been a member of WH since 1998.



Charles was born and grew up in the little town of Star, Texas. Star is a small, rural farming community located in the very center of the state. Charles went to school in a one room school house that taught all grade levels simultaneously. (Texas' own little school house on the Prairie!) Once Charles finished school, he continued to work on the family farm. Additionally, he traveled to Arizona to help an uncle who owned a cotton gin by baling cotton.

He then moved to Ft Worth in 1957 to begin working at Convair, the predecessor to General Dynamics/ Lockheed. After a few years, he was blessed to be introduced to Ruby by some church friends and Charles and Ruby married shortly thereafter. After a few years, the couple was blessed by the birth of their daughter, Robin. Their love story lasted for many years, until her passing just a few years ago.

Charles worked as an electrician in the facilities maintenance dept. at Convair and its successors, until he retired as a class A electrician, having worked there for 40 years. Ruby worked as a keypunch/computer operator until her retirement. Charles and Ruby were instrumental in caring for their aging parents until their parents passed.

Charles also had a special relationship with his beloved black and tan Chihuahua, "Tootles," for 20 years. They were virtually inseparable, with Charles taking Tootles everywhere, even into stores with him. Charles also enjoyed listening to his ham radio set for many years, being able to listen to local people as well as people from all around the world. Who needs "reality TV" when you've had a ham radio for so many years?

Charles may be limited by health in his ability to attend, but I encourage you to reach out and connect through cards and prayers. You will be blessed, I guarantee!

Les Keele



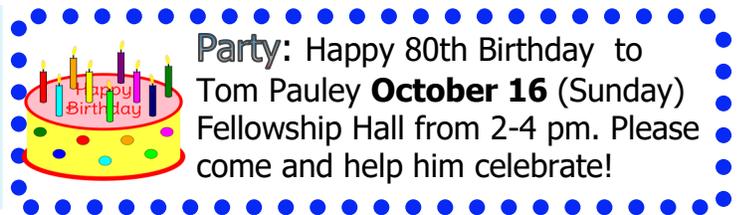
Small Groups begin **October 23** so hurry and sign up for your "Connect" groups.



Game night is **October 21** @ 6 pm; please bring your favorite games to play.



**Door Knocking: October. 29** from 10 - 12 pm. Please come and invite our neighbors to learn about God.



**Party: Happy 80th Birthday to Tom Pauley October 16** (Sunday) Fellowship Hall from 2-4 pm. Please come and help him celebrate!



**OCTOBER 31 TRUNK OR TREAT, 6:30 pm:** We will need people to sign up to decorate their cars and people to bring candy for the kids.

Becca & Jay Crook's new address is 127 Knollwood Dr. Searcy, AR 72143.

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### Food Bank : September

219 – Families Served  
 \$812.70 – Cost to WHCOC  
 8168 lbs – Estimated Weight of Food

## MORNING WORSHIP (10 AM)

**Welcome** - Steven Johnston

**Song Leader** - Randy McCoy

**Song** - How Beautiful Heaven Must Be

**Song** - Paradise Valley

**Prayer** - Zach Brookshire

**Scripture** - Revelation 21.1-4

**Song** - Ivory Palaces

**Lord's Supper** - Adam Powers

**Prayer for Contribution** - Adam Powers

**Children's Church Dismissal**

**Song** - Sing To Me Of Heaven

**Sometimes, I Just Need To Dream** - Gary Williams

**Song** - Nothing But The Blood

**Song** - On Jordan's Stormy Banks

**Announcements** - Greg Ball

**Shepherd's Prayer & Dismissal** - Greg Ball

**Attended Nursery:** After communion, we have an attended nursery available for ages birth to 3 years. There is also a cry room available if needed.

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 QR Code?  
 Here is ours:  
 Thank You!



**Sunday, October 23: Life of Christ Commentary Vol. 2, Lessons 81 - 82 please read pages 172 - 195**

## DAILY BIBLE READINGS

**Monday, October 17**

Zephaniah 1 - 3

**Tuesday, October 18**

Haggai 1- Zechariah 1

**Wednesday, October 19**

Zechariah 2 - 4

**Thursday, October 20**

Zechariah 5 - 7

**Friday, October 21**

Zechariah 8 - 10

**Saturday, October 22**

Zechariah 11 - 14

**Sunday, October 23**

Malachi 1 - 4

### Last Week

Bible Class:	119	Wednesday:	72
AM Worship:	211	Contribution:	\$ 14,021.39
PM Worship:	54	Budget:	\$ 14,193.04

### Times of Assemblies

Bible Class:	9:00 AM
Sunday Morning Worship:	10:00 AM
Sunday Evening Worship:	5:00 PM
Wednesday Evening:	7:00 PM

**PRAYER REQUESTS****Members****October 16, 2022**

<b>NAME</b>	<b>SITUATION</b>	<b>PRAY FOR</b>
Roy Eubanks' family	Mother, Jean Eubanks, passed away Oct 3. 112 Kenshire Dr., Fort Worth 76126	Peace and comfort
Jeff Swan	Had knee replacement surgery Oct. 12 Everything went well. 1717 High Ridge Rd., Benbrook 76126	Quick healing
Barbara Lowrey	She is having back surgery on Oct.17 at Texas Health ClearFork. 921 Timberline Drive, Benbrook, Texas 76126	Healing and relief from pain
Carolyn Williams	Is at home now. No chemo is needed and she would love visitors, 8211 Llano Ave., Ft. Worth 76116.	Quick healing
Diann Clark	She is on hospice for advanced breast cancer and has a UTI, plus hip pain. 11432 Northpointe Ct., Aledo 76008	Peace and guidance for her and family
Skipper Reed	She is recovering from facial surgery, and lost her brother. 8000 Calmont Ave. #148 Fort Worth, 76116	Comfort and quick healing
Stefani Sanchez	Nov. 14 she will have a stint put in for her aneurysm. 5525 Cross Creek Lane, Apartment 2110, Benbrook, Texas 76109	Guidance for the doctors and successful treatment
Betty Wilcox	Is having health issues. 8313 Estandarte Ct., Benbrook 76126	Better health
Yvonne Hallum	She is having sever back pain. 3235 Rosemeade Dr. #1913, Fort Worth 76116	Relief
Ellen Adams	She is having health issues and is in the hospital. No visitors at this time please. Calls are welcome. 8233 Saddlebrook, Fort Worth Tx 76116	Quick healing
Patricia Emerson 10/11/2022	She is doing chemotherapy for breast cancer. 6536 Woodale, Wautauga, Texas 76148	Strength, healing, peace
Kathryn Sloan 10/11/2022	Has been having sever migraines. 4209 Hollow Creek Ct., Aledo, Tx 76008	The migraines to go away
Joe & Jodi Gentry	Jodi is dealing with emotional issues at this time. Please pray for Joe and Jodi. 408 Rim Rock Dr., Fort Worth, TX 76108	Wisdom for the doctors knowing how to help Jodi, strength and patience for Joe
Cheryl Omer	Is in Colonial Gardens Memory Care of Fort Worth. 6939 River Park Circle, Fort Worth, Texas 76116	Healing, comfort, and peace for Roger and their children

**PRAYER REQUESTS**  
**Family & Friends**  
**October 16, 2022**

<b>NAME</b>	<b>REQUESTED BY</b>	<b>SITUATION</b>	<b>PRAY FOR</b>
Patricia Neislar	Marie Perez	Pain in her knees.	Healing
Leota Liu, friend of	Becca Crook	Was studying the bible.	Open heart
Rob Ryan, son-in-law of	Sharon Pippin	Has been diagnosed with Glaucoma	Comfort and Peace 10/11/22
Patti Eubanks, Sister-in-law of	Pam Eubanks	She had neck surgery two weeks ago and is in rehab; but, it is slow going due to pain.	Pain to subside and progress in therapy 10/11/22
Sara Blackstock, sister of	Nancy Wright	Starting radiation therapy.	Quick healing 10/11/22
Holden Weaver	Becca Crook	Former student who was in an accident and hit his head, and is in critical condition.	Healing and comfort for his family 10/11/22
George Milhim, brother of	Betty Kille	He is having health issues.	Openness, receptive and healing 10/11/22
Jane Wilson, mother of	Mindy Markum	She fell again and fractured her 2nd vertebrae. She is at Encompass for rehab.	Healing and comfort 10/2/2022
Buddy Holland, brother to	Judy Birmingham	His lung cancer has metastasized.	Healing and comfort 10/2/22
Dot Murter, mother in-law-to sister of	Vicki Bowers	She is 94 years old and fell. She had hip replacement surgery on Sept 29.	Good health and quick recovery 10/2/22
Sherry Campbell Family; mother of son-in-law to	Ellen Bartee	She passed away.	Peace for her family 10/2/22
Kerry Antwine, brother of	Janelle Ball	He will have prostate surgery to remove cancer on Nov 15.	Healing 10/2/22
Cherrie Bradberry, niece in-law to	Judy Birmingham	She is losing iron and needs transfusions.	Healing 10/2/22
Cindy Fox, cousin of	Pat Molder	She has breast cancer and after surgery it metastasized to other parts of her body.	Healing 9/18/22
Pat Davis, son-in-law of	Kathryn Sloan	Has an inoperable grapefruit-sized cancer in his liver.	The doctors and for his peace 08/18/2022

# Happy Birthday October People!

**1 Bouathong Chansombath**

**1 Les Keele**

**2 Tony Martin**

**2 Pheng Vilaysack**

**6 Sharon Pippin**

**6 Travis Whitacre**

**7 Luke Rodman**

**8 Roxann Whitacre**

**10 Betty Baumann**

**10 Jimmy Bolt**

**10 Jay Crook**

**12 Georgia Mahan**

**12 Patti Maynard**

**13 Steven Wheeler**

**16 Melinda Markum**

**17 Barbara Adams**

**17 Tom Pauley**

**20 Sabrina Vilaysack**

**23 Kade Moore**

**24 Elizabeth Intharansy**

**25 Cass DeKoker**

**25 Courtney Meyer**

**25 Suzan Ward**

**26 Amanda Garner**

**29 Jodi Gentry**

**29 Patricia Neislar**

**30 Bob Riley**

**31 Vickie Bowers**

## **Children**

**1 Lyndon Watson**

**11 Layton Meyer**

**16 Caden Cato**

**21 Claire Meyer**

# **The Raising of Lazarus**

*Looking into the Face of Jesus*

*The Life of Christ, 2: Pages 159-166*

## **Individual Study Guide: Lesson Plan 79**

1. After Jesus' received word from Mary and Martha about Lazarus' illness, how long did He wait before responding?
2. How long had Lazarus been dead when Christ arrived in Bethany?
3. What has the resurrection of Lazarus been called?
4. Who was also known as "Didymus"?
5. What does the name "*Didymus*" mean?
6. What is the meaning of Jesus' statement, "*I am the resurrection and life,*" in John 11:25?
7. How are the words "deeply moved" and "troubled" often used in the Gospel Accounts?
8. What is the shortest verse in the Bible?
9. Did Jesus' raising Lazarus from the dead produce faith in everyone?
10. Who was serving as high priest the year that Jesus died?
11. How long did Caiaphas serve as high priest?
12. What Jewish sect controlled the Sanhedrin?
13. What did the Sadducees believe concerning the resurrection?
14. What Jewish sect took the lead in planning Jesus' death?

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# **Jesus Starts His Final Tour of Palestine**

*Looking into the Face of Jesus*

*The Life of Christ, 2: Pages 167-172*

## **Individual Study Guide: Lesson Plan 80**

1. To what town did Jesus retreat when He withdrew from the vicinity of Jerusalem?
2. How many lepers did Jesus encounter?
3. After healing the lepers, who returned to express his appreciation?
4. Why is it important to have an attitude of thanksgiving?
5. Who were Jesus' ever-present critics?
6. What was the Pharisees' concept of the kingdom of God?
7. What is the meaning of the phrase "in your midst"?
8. What are two characteristics of Jesus' return at the end of the age?
9. What two events are discussed in Matthew 24?
10. Jesus used the destruction of what two cities to warn His listeners of His second coming?

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**Two Parables on Prayer**  
*Looking into the Face of Jesus*  
*The Life of Christ, 2: Pages 172-185*  
**Individual Study Guide: Lesson Plan 81**

1. What is the Parable of the Persistent Widow sometimes called?
2. What is the general application of the Parable of the Persistent Widow?
3. What was Jesus' purpose for giving this parable?
4. How is trusting God and not losing heart in times of oppression important?
5. Why is it important to have an attitude of humility when praying?
6. What were parables designed to do?
7. Explain the contrast between the Pharisee and the tax collector.
8. Why did Jesus probably use the example of a Pharisee and a tax collector?
9. What did God intend for the temple to be?
10. How many times a day did the Jews gather at the temple to pray?
11. How did the Pharisees view religious rituals?
12. How did most Jews view the Pharisees?
13. What did the Law prescribe concerning fasting in Leviticus 19:29, 30?
14. What was Rome's method of collecting taxes?
15. How did the Jews view tax collectors?
16. What was a common posture of prayer in Jesus' day?
17. What are some points of contrast between the two prayers?
18. What is the meaning of the phrase "was beating his breast" in Luke 18:13?
19. What does the Latin term "propitiate" mean?

# **Tell Me About Marriage and Divorce**

*Looking into the Face of Jesus*

*The Life of Christ, 2: Pages 185-195*

## **Individual Study Guide: Lesson Plan 82**

1. What had Moses written concerning divorce in Deuteronomy 24:1?
2. What was the view held by the school of Hillel concerning Moses' words on divorce?
3. What did the school of Shammai teach concerning divorce?
4. For what purpose were the regulations in Deuteronomy 24:1–4 given?
5. Why did Moses permit divorce?
6. What are God's clear intentions for marriage "from the beginning" in Genesis 2:24?
7. What did God say through the prophet Malachi concerning divorce?
8. What is the only exception given by Jesus for divorce in Matthew 19:9?
9. What are the key points in Matthew 19:3–9 and Mark 10:2–12 concerning marriage and divorce?
10. Who instituted marriage?
11. For what reason did God create woman in Genesis 2:18?
12. What are God's requirements for marriage?

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