

## Works We Support

- **John Shafer**, Foreign Evangelism. (MO, NE, & India)
- **Peter and Pooi Fun Chin**, Four Seas College of Bible & Missions, Singapore
- **“Seek The Old Paths”**, Monthly Newsletter
- **Chuck Northrop**, Bible Institute of Missouri (Instructor)
- **Kent Eakins**, Hermitage, MO
- **Chris O'Brien**, Mexico
- **“Whom Do You Serve?”**, Television Program
- **“Bible Questions With Bible Answers”**, Television Program

### Scripture Readings

AM:

PM:

### Upcoming Sermons

#### Sunday AM

September 25: Chris O'Brien -

October 2: Philip Steele – Outnumbered

October 9:

#### Sunday PM

September 25: #593 Chris O'Brien -

October 2: #594 Philip Steele – Worthy Of The Name

October 9: #595

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<http://sermons.webbervillechurchofchrist.org>

### To See Our Services Live:

<http://live.webbervillechurchofchrist.org>

Sundays: 11 a.m., 12:15 p.m., 3 p.m.

### Services:

#### **Sunday**

Bible Class: 10 a.m.

Worship Assembly: 11 a.m. & 12:15 p.m.

#### **Wednesday**

Bible Classes: 7 p.m.

## Sunday, September 25, 2016

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## Explain Your Answer

When I was in school, I remember taking tests where the teacher would have the class explain their answer or show their work. The reason why my teacher wanted me and the other students to do this was to make sure we properly understood the subject being taught. They didn't want us to copy off of someone or simply memorize something without understanding it. They wanted to make sure we could prove we understood it through our explanation or through our work.

God expects the same out of us today. In 2 Peter 3:15, we read: *“But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear:”*. We are expected to be ready always to give an answer for what we believe. Other translations will say “to give a defense”. We are to defend what we believe, be able to stand up and explain to others what we believe and why we believe it.

Most people today think that memorizing certain bible verses is all we have to do, but it isn't. While memorization is important, we must be able to explain what those verses mean. My uncle used to work with a man who memorized most of the bible, but he was an atheist. He knew what the verses said, but not what they meant. Understanding the bible is more than memorization.

That is why the bible stresses we study, so that we're able to understand what God commands us to do (2 Timothy 2:15). Just like in school, we study to pass to the test, to prove we've reached a certain level of proficiency in the class. We must do the same when it comes to God's word, the bible. We study to gain proficiency in it, so that we can explain it and not be ashamed for our lack of knowledge.

Being able to “give an answer” not just benefits us, but also others, as we are commanded to be teachers. In 2 Timothy 2:2, Paul tells Timothy *“And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who*

*shall be able to teach others also”*. This echoes the Great Commission given my Jesus, who told His apostles to go and teach all nations (Matthews 28:19-20). In Acts 8, Philip helped the eunuch understand the passage he was having difficulty with, and that led him to be baptized. If Philip didn't understand what the verses meant and how they applied to Jesus, he could never have helped the eunuch.

We must be ready to explain what the bible means today. Satan twists scriptures to his purpose (Matthew 4:6). False teachers do the same (2 Peter 3:16). If we are to counteract their deceptive doctrine with the truth, we must understand it so well that we can explain it to ourselves and to others. Can you “explain your answers”? If so, good. If not, start doing so today.

Philip Steele

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## Prayer Requests

- Joe Staggs
- Teresa Heinz
- Lillian's Brother
- Al Haskell (Kidney)
- Michael Golwitzer (Kidney)
- Marty Stearns (Health)
- McClaine Family
- John Shafer & wife Linda
- Tim Drummond
- Bob Stinnett (Heart Condition)

## Mark Your Calendars

- September 30 – Quarterly Seminar with Michael Pickett  
7 PM: Things We Cannot Escape  
8 PM: Somethings God's Forgiveness Will Not Do
- October 16 – Men's Meeting, Pot-luck Luncheon