

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:** Ephesians 2:8-9

Upcoming Sermons

Sunday AM

November 20: Philip Steele – Thanksgiving
November 27:
December 4: Philip Steele

Sunday PM

November 20: #601 Philip Steele – By Grace
Through Faith
November 27: #602 Philip Steele – Which One Has
Moved?
December 4: #603 Philip Steele -

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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, November 20, 2016

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It Is Whatever You Want It To Be

The following is a story I was told in an accounting class – Three people are interviewing for an accounting position. The boss calls the first person in and asks him, “What does 1 + 1 add up to?” The first person responds, “The answer is 2.” The boss tells him, “I'm sorry, but you're not what we're looking for”, and dismisses him. He calls the second person in and asks her the same question. She gives the same response, and the boss tells her the same thing and dismisses her. The boss calls in the third person and asks him the same question. The third person says, “It is whatever you want it to be.” The boss smiles, and says “You're hired.”

We live in the world that believes there is no absolute standard of law. We do whatever we feel like doing and whatever we can get away with. For example, take how fast people drive. Most people today go over the speed limit and think nothing of it. They think to themselves, “The police won't pull me over for going a few MPH over the speed limit, so I'm safe.” They want to drive the speed they want, not the speed the sign says. There is no standard; people do what they feel like doing.

People feel the same when it comes to the bible. They don't believe the bible is the standard for anything. They treat it more as a book of suggestions, and not a book of commandments. Peter warned Timothy about that happening in 2 Timothy 4:3-4 – *“For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; and they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.”* People wouldn't want to hear the truth, the bible, anymore. When it came to God's word, they would hire people that would tell them “it is whatever you want it to be”. We see that happening back then, and we see the same happening today.

We expect it from the world, but it's shocking when that attitude is seen in the church. Christians who are faithful to God for many years suddenly fall away and start believing false

doctrine, thinking God will accept them, no matter what they do or how they live. Even when we try to correct them, they turn against us and treat us as if we're the enemy (Galatians 4:16). They are acting like the world, believing that the bible isn't the absolute standard anymore. They believe the bible is whatever they want it to be.

The only thing we can do is the what Paul told Timothy in 2 Timothy 4:2 - *“Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine.”* Take them back to God's word and show them that it doesn't mean whatever we want it to mean, but it means what God intended. Take them back to God's word, because it, and only it, is our absolute standard. We preach them God's word and show them we must change our lives to fit the bible, not change the bible to fit out lives.

Philip Steele

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

- November 20 – Men's Meeting, Pot-luck Luncheon
- December 30 – Quarterly Seminar