

THE COLDWATER CONTENDER

"...ye should earnestly contend for the faith..."
(Jude 3)



December 29, 2013



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Sunday Bible class: 9:30am

Sunday worship: 10:15am

Sunday afternoon: 1:00pm

Tuesday ladies' class: 10:00am

Wednesday bible study: 7:00pm

If you are visiting with us today, you are our honored guest. Please let us get to know you, and fill out an attendance card so we can have record of you being here.

AM sermon: 3:16-Bill Vincent

PM sermon: Congregational singing

For What Is Your Life?

Jerry Joseph

Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away.” James 4:14

In James 4:14 is one of the great questions found in the New Testament. It is a question that one must come to understand because of the significance of life now as well as in the hereafter. As one looks to the Bible the answer to the question “For what is your life?” can be found. Life is . . .

□ **PRECIOUS.** It is a precious gift from God (Genesis 1:26-27; 2:7). Man is created in the image of God. Human life is sacred to God and should be to every person. God “...giveth to all life, and breath and all things....” and “...in him we live, and move, and have our being....” (Acts 17:25-28).

□ **PROBLEM-FILLED** (Job 14:1). Even though life is a precious gift from God it is problem-filled. God nowhere promised us a life without problems. In fact, for the Child of God he lets us know of the difficulties that will come when we are faithful to Him (Matthew 5:10-12; 1 Peter 4:11-16; 2 Timothy 3:12).

□ **PASSING** (James 4:14; Hebrews 9:27; 11:13, 16). This world is not our home we are just passing through. Death is coming to all. There is no escaping it. But when death comes it is not the end of our existence. There is a better place awaiting the child of God in the hereafter (Philippians 1:21-23; Revelation 14:13).

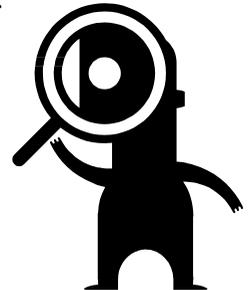
□ **PREPARATION TIME** for the future (2 Timothy 4:6-8). As a child of God we do not live “for this world” nor to see what we can obtain, but “for the Lord” (Philippians 1:21).

The answer to the question “For what is your life?” is not that difficult to understand if we continue to love God and His Word and lean upon it every day of our life to guide and direct us (2 Timothy 3:16-17; Colossians 3:17). Then and only then can one be truly thankful for this life now and for what is awaiting in the hereafter (Philippians 1:21).

Bible question: Who burned grain by tying torches to the tails of foxes?

Last week’s answer: Jubal (Gen 4:21)

Those answering: Bob & Susanna Austin, Rachel Adams, Clemmie Black, Helen Tidwell, Kay Robertson, Linda Jones



Prayer/Sick List

- ⇒ Ruby Arnett (Heritage Manor nursing home in Mayfield Room 307)
- ⇒ Debbie Smith (Kevin's sister-in-law-cancer)
- ⇒ Greg Black (Kathy Black's son)
- ⇒ Loretta Haley (cancer)
- ⇒ David Edwards (Josh Fulcher's uncle-cancer)
- ⇒ Jana Ward (cancer)
- ⇒ Todd Walker
- ⇒ Trudy Smith
- ⇒ Darrell & Hazel Brandon (Darrell is at home)
- ⇒ Mae Downs
- ⇒ Norma & Hyland Darnell
- ⇒ Helen Tidwell
- ⇒ J.D. Lamb (Fern Terrace)
- ⇒ Wanda Riley (Josh Fulcher's Aunt)
- ⇒ Delbert Newsome
- ⇒ Marilyn Dvorak (friend of Bob and Susanna, has esophagus cancer)
- ⇒ Dorothy McNeely (Richard Adams' sister has cancer)
- ⇒ Derek Adams (Richard Adams' grandson has leukemia)
- ⇒ Ray Stembridge
- ⇒ Jim Pool (member at Green Plain)
- ⇒ Inman family, Dorthy, Tonya Jones' mother passed away

Birthdays & Anniversaries

- ⇒ Jennifer Price (4th)

Upcoming Events

- ⇒ Reading plan (Revelation-for December)
- ⇒ Visit Hazel as a congregation tonight
- ⇒ Potluck after morning services today
- ⇒ New Years eve fellowship 12-31 at building, 6pm

Pantry item

- ⇒ Kleenex

WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?

Hear the Word
(Rom 10:17)

Believe the Word
(John 8:24)

Repent
(Luke 13:3)

Confess Christ
(Rom 10:10)
(Acts 8:37)

Be Baptized
(Acts 2:38)
(Acts 22:16)

Remain Faithful
(Rev 2:10)
(Acts 8:12-24)

Heaven can be your
home if you obey
God!
(Heb 5:8-9)

NOTE

The reading plan for
2014 is available on
the tables in the front.
Be sure to read and
study in 2014.

A THOUSAND YEARS FROM THE TRUTH

Jonnie Hutchison

Those who advocate Premillennialism (one of the tenets of which is a thousand year reign of Christ on the literal throne of David in the literal city of Jerusalem) assert that Jesus' intention in his FIRST coming was to establish an earthly, national kingdom of Israel over which He would rule as King. However, because the Jews rejected Jesus and crucified Him, the establishment of His kingdom was "postponed" until His second coming.

Was it the will of God, and thus the intention of Jesus, to establish an earthly, national kingdom? Was it the desire of God to restore the glory of the kingdom of Israel upon this earth? Is the church then merely an afterthought of God as this theory suggests? Let the Lord Himself answer: "*My kingdom is **not of this world**; if my kingdom were of **this world**, then would my servants fight, **that I should not be delivered to the Jews: But now is **my kingdom not from hence*****" (John 18:36, emphasis JH). Jesus said if His kingdom were of this world (a national, earthly, political kingdom) then his servants would take up arms and fight the Jews to keep Him from being crucified. But the fact is that Jesus did not come to this earth the first time for the purpose of re-establishing the kingdom of Israel as a national, earthly kingdom but instead He came for the express purpose of dying on the cross. Jesus said, "*For the Son of man is come to seek and save that which was lost*" (Luke 19:10). It was the will of God that Jesus **die on the cross** for the sins of mankind. "*Him, being delivered by the determinate counsel and fore-knowledge of God, ye have taken, and by wicked hands have crucified and slain*" (Acts 2:23). The Bible tells us, "*For when we were still without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. 7 For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet perhaps for a good man someone would even dare to die. 8 But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. 9 Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him. 10 For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life.*" - Romans 5:6-10 (NKJV). Men are in need of deliverance from the bondage of sin not the bondage of an earthly government.

In addition, our Lord Himself promised to build His church (Matthew 16:18). It was neither an afterthought of God nor a replacement for a yet future kingdom on earth. The church has always been a part of God's "*eternal purpose which He purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord*" (Ephesians 3:10-11).

Friends, the teaching of Premillennialism is false because it denies the true mission of Jesus Christ. It is indeed **A THOUSAND YEARS FROM THE TRUTH!**