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Be Aware Of Footnotes

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I recently discovered at a used book store a translation of the New Testament that I had never heard of. I paid seventy-five cents for it. I think I overpaid. Don't get me wrong, I loved the price, and I would pay that anytime for a Bible, or just about any other book. The translation itself (from what I have read thus far) seems to be okay, not great, but okay. I think I paid too much for it because of the footnotes that were written by a man.

In total, the footnotes are almost as long as the New Testament itself, but the quantity is not the problem, it's the *quality* of the footnotes. Many of the footnotes that I have read teach things that are just wrong. For example, part of the footnote for 1 Peter 3:21 says the following: *"Baptism itself does not and cannot put away the filth of our flesh – the dirt of our fallen nature and the defilement of fleshly lust. The erroneous teaching concerning baptismal salvation, a teaching based on this verse and Mark 16:16 and Acts 22:16, is corrected here."* Let's take a closer look at what is said in that footnote.

It is correct that baptism does not remove filth (dirt) from our physical bodies, after all, baptism is not a bath. However, the second part of the footnote gives a very unusual (and incorrect) explanation of what Peter meant by *"the filth of our flesh"*. The footnote says that this "filth" is *"our fallen nature"*, which, based upon footnotes for other verses, suggests that the writer believes that we are born sinful. There are several verses throughout the Bible which indicate that we are born sinless (cf. Romans 9:10-11).

The footnote goes on to say that this "filth" is also *"the defilement of fleshly lust"*. Paul does say in Galatians 5:17 that *"the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh"* (NKJV). However, does the lust of our flesh cause us to be defiled, as the footnote suggests? No, it does not. We tend to think that lust is a sin, but notice that Galatians 5:17 implies that *"the Spirit [lusts] against the flesh"*. Does that mean the

MEN TO SERVE

Bible School Devotion 02/05/17

Singing.....Johnny Wood
Prayer.....Jordan Parrish

Sunday Morning Worship 02/05/17

Announcements.....Jason Gibson
One Hymn.....Brian Jones
Prayer.....Jeremy Goff
Two Hymns.....Brian Jones
Message.....Martin Klamm
Invitation Hymn.....Brian Jones
Communion Hymn.....Brian Jones
Lord's Supper.....(Head) A.B. White, Brandon White
Anthony Curtis and Tommy Swaw
One Hymn.....Brian Jones
Offering Hymn.....Brian Jones
Scripture Reading (Mark 12:41-44).....A.B. White
Contribution
Final Hymn.....Brian Jones
Closing Prayer.....Tommy Swaw
Greeters at the Front Door.....Johnny and Katie Allen
Ramp Greeter.....Caleb and Gracie Alllen

Sunday Evening Worship 02/05/17

Pew Packers.....Jason Gibson
Announcements.....Larry Barrett
Prayer.....Larry Parrish

WORSHIP IN SONG

Communion.....(Head) Brady Jones
Seth Beasley
Closing Prayer.....Michael Parrish

Wednesday Night 02/08/17

Song Leader.....Auston Phillips
Prayer.....Seth Beasley
Invitation.....Jason Gibson
Announcements.....Jerry Bell
Closing Prayer.....Caleb Allen

(continued from page 1) itself is not a sin, but to act upon it is.

The last part of the footnote says “*baptismal salvation*” is an “*erroneous teaching*”, and that 1 Peter 3:21 corrects this teaching. One of Satan’s greatest accomplishments has been his ability to convince the denominational world that we are not saved through baptism. The Bible “*does*” teach over and over again that we are saved when we are baptized, not before, nor after (Acts 2:38; Gal. 3:26-27; Col. 2:11-12). Peter *did* correct an erroneous teaching when he wrote 1 Peter 3:21, but the erroneous teaching he corrected is the one that says baptism is not necessary for salvation. May this erroneous footnote be a reminder not to trust the footnotes that have been added to the Bible, but to trust only the Bible itself.

FAMILY NEWS

The Sick: *Viola Davis* was taken to Skyline Hospital in Nashville Tuesday after suffering symptoms of a stroke. *Felecia Mainer* has been having heart problems and was sent to Jackson General Tuesday. She request prayers. *Jearlean McKenzie* will have surgery on her hand Friday at Jackson Regional. *Taylor Gibson* was sick Sunday. ***Continue to pray for:*** *Eugene Austin, Marie Black, Tim Boyd, Christopher Coleman, Peggy Essary, Ricky Gibson, Evelyn Goodman, Charles Ivy, Earline Lancaster, Jeffery McClain, Jearlean McKenzie, Felecia Mainer, Danielle Mathis, Doyle Murphy, Crystal Payne, Ruth Perkins, Greg Perry, Gladys Pratt, Josh Rogers, Sylvia Rucker, Tommy Vernon, Delta Walker and Warner Wood.*

Dec. Co. Health & Rehab: *Ruth Perkins, Room 202.*

Westwood: *Delta Walker, Room 310. Jearlean McKenzie, Room 303.*

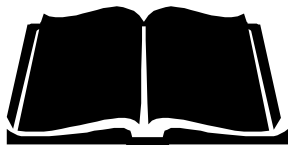
WORSHIP IN SONG: *Sunday night will be our monthly worship in song with fellowship following.*

ATTENTION MEN: *Your quarterly breakfast will be Saturday, February 11th at 8:00 AM. There is a signup sheet on the back table.*

REMINDER: *YOUTH, PARENTS AND CHAPERONES, your money is due for CYC by Sunday, February 12th. You must pay before you can go.*

ATTENTION LADIES: *Jaunita Segraves will be in charge of the Decatur County Health and Rehab Birthday Parties. If you are willing to help her please let her know.*

LADIES BIBLE CLASS *will meet Wednesday, Feb. 8th at Noon.*



DAILY BIBLE READING

Thursday (Leviticus 17-19)
 Friday (Leviticus 20-22)
 Saturday (Leviticus 23-25)
 Sunday (Leviticus 26-27; Numbers 1)
 Monday (Numbers 2-6)
 Tuesday (Numbers 7-9)
 Wednesday (Numbers 10-12)

Missionary E-mails

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IN DOUBT

I can now appreciate the widow with her young son, while her late lamented husband lay in state in the front of the church building, and the minister was doing quite a good job in the eulogistic field. But at a certain point she couldn't take it any longer. Finally she said, "Johnny, you go up and see if that's your pa in that casket."

IS THAT CLEAR

A man filled in an application for an insurance policy. One of the questions he had to answer was: "How old was your father when he died and of what did he die?" His father had been hanged but he did not like to put that on his application. He puzzled over it for a while and wrote, "My father was sixty-five when he died. He came to his end while participating in a public function when the platform gave way."

VAN DRIVERS

Sunday Morn. (02/05/17) ... Anthony Curtis (549-6011)
 Sunday Evening (02/05/17) ... Jeremy Goff (847-3732)
 Wednesday Evening (02/08/17) ... J.R. Smith (847-6208)

The Record Speaks

Attendance

Wed. BS 88
 SMBS 76
 SMW 101
 SEW 74

Contribution 4038

Budget 3150

Assemblies

Sunday Morning Bible Study.....9:30 a.m.
 Sunday Morning Worship10:30 a.m.
 Sunday Evening Worship6:00 p.m.
 Wednesday Evening Bible Study7:00 p.m.