

# BIBLE WORD SEARCH

by Elie's Spiritual Treasures

EPHESIANS 1:17

I **keep** asking **that** the **God** of our **Lord Jesus Christ**, the **glorious Father**, may **give** you the **Spirit** of **wisdom** and **revelation**, so that **you** may **know** him **better**.

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Find the **bolded/underlined** words in the diagram. They run in all directions — forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

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# BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Jehoshaphat in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. In Revelation 8, what's the falling star called when the third angel sounded? Armageddon, Wormwood, Rapture, Zabulon
3. Who carried a letter from the king of Syria to

the king of Israel? Stephen, Naaman, John the Baptist, Delilah

4. From 2 Chronicles 11, Rehoboam took 18 wives and how many "score" of concubines? One, Two, Three, Four
5. What name did the apostles give to Joseph, a Levite from Cyprus? Barnabas, Cephas, Amos, Gideon
6. In 2 Corinthians, who traveled to Corinth to help pick up an offering for needy saints? Vitus, Timothy, Philemon, Titus

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## Seeds of Hope



Young Timothy was helping his Dad clear a lot next to their home for a garden. Things went well until Tim ran into a large stone that he couldn't budge. After struggling for a few moments he called to his Dad and said, "Dad, this one is too big for me to handle. What should I do?"

"Well," said his Dad wanting him to learn a lesson, "what have you tried to do?"

"I've pulled on it with both hands," he said looking down at the stone. "And I've tried to pull it with a hoe, too, but that didn't work either."

"Sounds like you've tried to move it with all the strength that you have," his Dad said patiently.

"Sure have, Dad."

There's nothing else for me to do but up give up on it," he said with discouragement.

"Give up, son? Why would you give up?" he asked.

"There's nothing else to I can do," said Tim.

"Oh, but there is. You can always call on me to help you, Son," he said with compassion.

Often God allows us to realize how weak we are without Him. We struggle and fail. We try and give up. We worry and become depressed. We think and realize that many things are beyond us. We practice and still make mistakes. We work and still can't make ends meet.

Then suddenly we realize that God has put a "gap" between us and the solution to our problem. It's His way of saying, "You can always call on me for help. And when you do, I will answer you and I will be with you!"

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by Dawn Reed  
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For my whole life BC-before Covid, we did the wildest germ-filled thing. When someone had a birthday, candles were placed atop a cake of celebration. They were set on fire and the birthday girl or boy blew them out spraying a thousand particles of spit all over the cake. We would then eat that spit-sprayed cake to the last bite. Crazy times!

And . . . it was a custom before those candles were blown out, to make a birthday wish! A wish for a present or something wonderful to happen. You couldn't tell anyone what your wish was, either, or it wouldn't come true.

Since America can't blow out its birthday cake candles, in honor of that custom, I have some birthday wishes/prayers for you.

Oh, America, this year, I pray

# Wishes for America's Birthday

you turn back to God. He has been trying to get your attention. Amos 4:6-11 hits remarkably close to home:

"I gave you empty stomachs in every city . . . yet you have not returned to Me . . ."

"I also withheld rain from you . . . yet you have not returned to Me . . . Many times I struck your gardens and vineyards . . . yet you have not returned to Me . . ."

"I sent plagues among you . . . yet you have not returned to Me . . ."

In chapter five, verse four, the LORD, Himself, said: "Seek Me and live."

Oh, America, put God first. Exodus 20:3: "You shall have no other gods before Me." When God engraved the first Commandment into STONE, With His Finger . . . it was not just to make a crafty sign to hang in the house. There is a reason it is first. It's the foundation on which we can build our lives. It is a good foundation on which we can re-build a nation. Jesus encouraged in Mark 12:30, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength." If we make God number one, everything else will fall into place.

Oh, America, love others. Jesus went on in Mark 12, telling a crowd, "Love your neighbor as

yourself." We are mighty good at loving ourselves; our neighbors would be so surprised!

Oh, America, be kind. Be the Good Samaritan. Be the salt. Be the light.

Oh, America, do right. In Genesis 4:7, the LORD told Cain, " . . . if you do not do what is right, sin is crouching at your door." Sin in our country has ceased its crouching and has broken down the door.

But . . . America is not past help or changing. If we seek the Lord, He will be found (Jeremiah 29:13). If God can raise the dead, and He DID, He can reboot a country in dire shape.

In 2 Chronicles 30, Hezekiah compelled the people of Israel and Judah to return to the LORD, submit to the LORD, and to serve the LORD. "He will not turn His face from you if you return to Him," (vs. 9). Much needed words for today.

As the years have passed, my birthday has become a day of reflection, a time for evaluating myself, my last year, where I'm heading, what I'm doing right and what I need to do better. This July 4th, is a wonderful time for the people of America to do some inward thinking. We can evaluate where we are and resolve to walk steadfastly in the right direction. Seeking God and living.

## BAPTISM: What does the Bible say?

by BOB CASEY, preacher  
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Several years ago, my father, who was a long-time preacher in the Madison County area, called me, saying, "I have been asked to come and speak to a local group that really didn't know what to call themselves; but, mostly they were of the Pentecostal type, a lot of instrumental picking along with shouting and, of course, the altar rail salvationist?"

Since it was on a Wednesday evening, I said I would accompany him. He chose for his text the **8th Chapter of Acts** which relates to the conversion of the Ethiopian eunuch. I thought this should be very interesting.

I remember as he progressed, speaking concerning the leadership of the Holy Spirit, these people were loudly saying, "Amen." But, when he read the part where the Eunuch said, "See, here is water; what doth hinder me to be baptized?"<sup>36</sup> Not one word of amen was heard. And I know why, they were never taught that baptism was the answer of a good conscience toward God. But now, they had been properly taught and they didn't know how to respond. But when the invitation was extended, some came forward and their religious nature was to fall down to an altar of wood, and they began to pray.

Then, the preacher of that church declared that my father had indeed preached the truth, but to save his soul, he could not bring himself to say what Ananias said to Saul of Tarsus in **Acts 22:16**, "And now why tarriest thou? arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord." They were never asked why they responded. So, after a few minutes of wallowing around on the floor, they returned to their seats and the meeting was adjourned. On the way home, my father said, "I was going good until I mentioned baptism for the remission of sins; then, I hit a snag."

As we talked, we realized that when people do not read the Scriptures for themselves, or hear correct preaching from those who do, then only confusion is the result. I believe that this is the number one cause of disbelief among many who have never scripturally been baptized. They have never taken the time to examine what the Bible really says upon any subject. This is a very dangerous way to live, expecting to go to Heaven. **Hebrews 2:2-3** says, "For if the word spoken by angels was stedfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just recompense of reward; <sup>3</sup>How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation; which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard him."

Our Lord Jesus said in **Matthew 28:18-19**, "All power (authority) is given unto me in heaven and in earth. <sup>19</sup>Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name (authority) of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost." Then in **Acts 2:37-38**, the Apostles were pre-instructed just what to say when those seeking forgiveness asked, "Men and brethren, what shall we do?" Then, the answer was given, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost." And **Ephesians 1:13** declares that this gift is the "gospel of your salvation," and he also calls it, "that holy Spirit of promise."

How can one read these Scriptures and fail to see that baptism is the means unto which one may enter into the covenant relationship with Jesus. Romans 6 declares these truths.

So then, if you have not been obedient to the Salvation Plan of Jesus, by hearing the Gospel, believing the Gospel, repenting of your sins, confessing his name before man, and yes, being baptized for the purpose of the remission of your sins. Then, the only conclusion can be reached is: your very soul will stand in jeopardy at The Judgment. **Plus**, Romans 2:16 declares that Christ will know whether you have or not. Please, do not put off your opportunity to obey the Lord.

Sincerely, Bob Casey, 1-WACO-369-4160

# Stickeler's Puzzle



Comedian Groucho Marx's funny quote is scrambled as a cryptogram. Each letter stands for another. Hint: H = I, X = E, K = R, F = C.

"H FALWJ JPSFX ZHNV UAL  
 LSNHW NVX FAZT FADX VADX.  
 AS TXFASJ NVALOVN, H'J  
 KPNVXK JPSFX ZHNV NVX  
 FAZT NHWW UAL FADX VADX."

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"The doctor wants me to try  
 \_\_\_\_\_ — he says whenever  
 I see food, I should run away from it!"

## SCRAMBLERS

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

Large MYTHIG

Charm LOGRAM

Adapt STUDAJ

Rule ENVORG

TODAY'S WORD