

# According to Scripture

Sponsored by Pembroke Seventh Day Adventist Church

This week I'd like to look at two of God's attributes: Love and Justice. When Adam and Eve sinned, God had a choice to make. #1. Would He destroy them immediately (which justice demanded, but went against God's attribute of mercy). #2. Say that's okay. You can stay in the Garden of Eden anyway (which would have been of love, but would have rendered justice meaningless), or #3. Do what He actually did (which was to give the promise of a future sacrifice of His own self).

No created being would have been qualified. It had to be the law giver. For in order to meet the demands of justice, a tree could not have died. Another human being could not have died to meet the demands of justice. Even an angel could not have satisfied the demands of the law. No other created being could have paid the price that the law demanded, but the one who sinned or the Law giver? Only one of those two could meet the requirements of God's justice. And because He is a God of almost unbelievable mercy and love, He chose to give the promise of future death of the Law giver. As a token of belief that the sinner was to have in the fulfillment of the future sacrifice, He set up the temporary sacrificial system that was to point the penitent sinner to the future ultimate sacrifice that Justice demanded (which was the death of the individual sinner of the death of the law giver).

Why did the law giver have to die? Because if He had chosen option #2 then justice (the law) would have been done away with. Not only that, but the angels who had previously been thrown out of Heaven (see Rev. 12:9) would have to be reinstated if

the law could be done away with. That point that I am trying to make is this: If God was going to do a way with the law after the cross, then why go through all that happened in history before it came to the cross when He could have done that in the Garden of Eden when sin first entered earth?

Jesus would not have had to die if the law had been done away with 4,000 years prior to His incarnation. If God was not going to look the other way and let His love and mercy outweigh His justice, then why would He all of a sudden decide to do away with the law and His own attribute of Justice at the cross? That would mean that Jesus died for no reason! If the law could be done away with at Jesus' death, then why have the law in place at all from the time sin first entered the world until Jesus' death? This would not meet God's attributes of Love and Justice without destroying justice. The law in place before the world began could not be destroyed without destroying part of God's character!

The cross is where God's love and justice meet, neither of these attributes were done away with. On the contrary, they were shown to be consistent and even strengthened beyond question with the death of God (the law giver) upon the cross. That is how important these two attributes of God are to Him. Don't you think that we should also hold them in high esteem? If the law could be done away with, why would the apostles and the rest of Jesus' followers be willing to suffer torture, fire, drowning, dungeon, persecution, condemnation, etc. Many times all that these faithful followers would have had to do to get

their freedom back would be to place a pinch of incense before an idol, or to worship an emperor as their god, or even to say that when the priest prayed over bread that it actually became the real body of Christ (and thus worthy of worship). But instead of securing their freedom through breaking the law, these faithful believers chose torture or death! So I submit to you that the Royal Law James 2:8 was not the law done away with in Colossians 2:14-17 (ceremonial law). See last week's column. If it had been, then the apostles, the millions of martyrs killed by the pagan Roman Empire and the tens of millions killed by the Roman Catholic Church would have died in vain. They loved Jesus and were keeping His commandments (John 14:15). If anyone has known that the commandments were done away with, then it would have been Paul, Peter, John, Phillip, Jesus etc. 910-521-0432 for more information.

## Birth Announcement

Donald and Kesha Hunt announce the birth of their daughter, Moriah Nekoma Hunt, born on February 15, 1997 at Southeastern Regional Medical Center. Grandparents are Albert and Martha Lowery, Peggy Locklear and J.D. Hunt all of Pembroke.

## Pembroke Kiwanis

The weekly meeting was held Tuesday evening at the Town and Country Restaurant. President Furne Lambert presiding. Program Chairman Mark Locklear presented Mr. Fred McKinnon, Program Coordinator for the Robeson County School Police Program. There are fourteen police officers in the middle schools and high schools. The program has been funded by special grants and appropriations from the County Commissioners. The policy is that the principals run the schools and the main contributions of the officers is that of just being there. This is a valuable safety service. The officers put in an eight hour day. They are there for games and many other activities from opening school to closing.

It is one fine community service done by our men in blue. One school even dedicated its year book to the office on duty.

Li Ken Sealey was a visitor as was members of the Cape Fear Kiwanis Club.

Song leader-Ed Teets. Invocation-Clay Maynor. Reporter-Ken Johnson.



## Tuscarora Traditions Our Ceremonies, Customs, Songs, And Prayers Spoken In The Native Language



### Tradition Matters

The Tuscarora Tribe of North Carolina has provided its members with the blessings of cultural and traditional services. These practices serve as a spiritual "lifting up" of the Tuscarora people. The Tribes purpose is simple. First, to preserve and protect the culture and history of the Iroquois people which Tuscaroras are. Second, we as native people believe in preserving the family by sharing traditional Native American values.

For the first time in our history as a people, the Tuscarora Tribe is making available these sacred customs to you. We are doing this as a way helping members of all the Creators children of the Holy Circle.

If you are in need of a Traditional blessing or if you are getting married, we can provide you and your loved ones an experience to remember.

Here are a few of our sharings you may request.

- \* Condolence Ceremony /Loss Loved One
- \* Traditional Ceremonial Wedding
- \* Traditional Healing & Wellness
- \* Traditional Arbitration
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- \* Genealogy & History Instruction
- \* Traditional Names & Condolence
- \* Making Traditional Iroquois Clothing

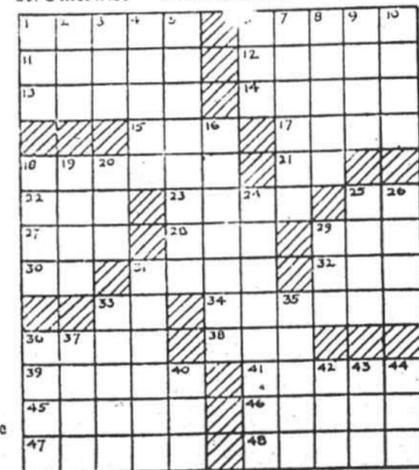
Old Ways Become New

One of the most important things about our heritage is the children.

## CROSSWORD

- ANSWER
- ACROSS**
1. Wax-secreting insects of China
  6. Swiftly
  11. Rub out
  12. Royal
  13. Deflector of light
  14. Brittle cookies
  15. Breeze
  17. Quote
  18. Wisconsin city
  21. At home
  22. Age
  23. Ancient Greek coin
  25. Pronoun
  27. Scotch river
  28. Russian measure
  29. Container
  30. Overhead train
  31. Stolen property
  32. Assam silkworm
  33. Greek letter
  34. Gift
  36. Sailor's guide
  38. Upward curving of ship's planking
  39. Walks lame
  41. Stage play
  45. Girl's name
  46. Desert watering

47. Harass
  48. Approaches
- DOWN**
1. Vitality
  2. Blunder
  3. Medieval short tale
  4. Brazilian palm
  5. Florida Indian
  6. Land measures
  7. Secretary's implement
  8. Once more
  9. Ship's officer (abbr.)
  10. Otherwise
  16. Fastens again
  18. Plexus
  19. Inland sea of Asia
  20. Low island
  24. Intermittently
  25. Musical instrument
  26. Egress
  29. Insect
  31. Royal color
  33. Entitles
  35. Genitive of Lyra
  37. High or low
  40. Place
  42. King of Judah
  43. Russian village
  44. Beast of burden



## NEWS OF HEALTH

### Better Way To Treat A Common Prostate Problem

(NAPS)—There is now a more effective way to treat the symptoms of prostate enlargement, according to an unprecedented study in The New England Journal of Medicine.

In many cases, doctors have prescribed Proscar to treat the condition. However, the study shows there's another drug that is superior in symptom relief.

A Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Research Service study found that Hytrin, manufactured by Abbott Laboratories, effectively treated the symptoms of benign prostatic hyperplasia, or BPH.

"Across the board, Hytrin was superior to Proscar in symptom relief," said Dr. Herbert Lepor, chief investigator for the study.

BPH affects one in three men over the age of 50. The symptoms range from frequent nighttime urination to complete obstruction of urinary flow. In the past, men have opted to correct the problem surgically. However, this study demonstrates certain men can relieve the symptoms of BPH using Hytrin, thus avoiding the costly, and sometimes risky, surgical procedure.

The drug works by relaxing the



Medication gives men with BPH symptoms an alternative to surgery.

smooth muscle of the prostate. In contrast, Proscar reduces the size of the gland itself. "The study confirms that not only is there no need to shrink the prostate to relieve symptoms of BPH, but also that shrinking the gland may have no significant effect on symptoms," said Dr. Lepor.

The study, conducted over a one year period involving 1,229 men, was funded and approved by the Veterans Administration Cooperative Studies Program, Abbott Laboratories, and Merck & Company, maker of Proscar.

If you and your child would to learn more traditional Tuscarora/Iroquois culture simply call or write:

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