

# World Events And The Bible

Nineteen-seventy-five finds mankind facing as never before the harsh fact that its problems are truly global — and that global problems demand global solutions; nothing less. "Science News" magazine says that the internationally known group of scientists and industrialists called the "Club of Rome" describes the situation as "unique." Why? Because past crises were usually local, but today 'only a global solution is now adequate,' and whereas there was time to search out solutions to previous problems, 'only rapid action will now suffice.'

In similar vein, editorial writer Anthony Lewis says: "The fear that something fundamental is changing in the relationship of man and nature, the concern that things are out of joint in the

world, is not confined to the problem of food. The use of oil as a political and economic weapon; the pressure on other resources, the inflation raging across most of the world — all give rise to uneasiness." "Oil, food, prosperity, security, everything is connected to everything else." —New York "Times," November 10, 1974.

Prominent economist Robert L. Heilbroner believes that the world will move toward a new social order to meet its problems. The Bible foretells that the nations will arrive at some kind of global arrangement allowing them to claim they have found the way to "peace and security." But it shows that such will be short-lived and that only Jehovah God's promised new order will

bring the desired relief from global distress. "Now as for the times and the seasons, brothers, you need nothing to be written to you. For you yourselves know quite well that Jehovah's day is coming exactly as a thief in the night. Whenever it is that they are saying: 'Peace and security!' then sudden destruction is to be instantly upon them just as the pang of distress upon a pregnant woman; and they will be no means escape." —1 Thess. 5:1-3 NW.

If you have any questions regarding this week's discussion, please address your inquiries to this paper.

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## Speaker's Bureau

College of the Albemarle promotes a number of community services which contribute to the cultural, economic and civic improvement of the Albemarle area.

A Speaker's Bureau has been established and members of the faculty and staff will be available to speak to various civic organizations in the area upon request.

There is no fee for this community service. The Public Information Office at COA will assist the organization in scheduling a speaker. Requests for a speaker should be made at least two weeks in advance.

For additional information or requests on the Speaker's Bureau, contact the Public Information Office in the Main Campus Building on Riverside Avenue at 335-0821, ext. 236.

# Sunday School Lesson

A RECONCILING  
PEOPLE  
(2 Corinthians 5:18-21;  
Galatians 6:1-7)

William Temple spoke of the church as "the one great ground of hope. As though in preparation for such a time as this, God has been building us a Christian fellowship which now extends into almost every nation, and binds citizens of them all together in unity and mutual love... It is the great new fact of our time... Here is one great ground of hope for the coming days."

Our Bible lesson begins today where it ought to begin - with Christ. Reconciliation and Christ. 2 Corinthians 5:18-18

It is doubtful that the apostle Paul ever saw Jesus in the flesh. If he had seen Him in the flesh, it is indeed strange that he never mentions it in his writings. Had Paul seen Christ in the flesh it would have been of little significance to him before his conversion experience. Jesus would have been only another Jew to Saul of Tarsus. Saul would likely not have been deeply impressed had he seen Jesus dying on the cross. For, you see, he then regarded Christ from a human point of view.

This is no longer the case because Christ has made all the difference in the world in Paul's life. Christ turned him completely around. In fact Paul describes his experience in verse 17, "If any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passing away; behold all things become new."

Man was at odds with God. He was God's creation but he was also God's enemy. But God has reconciled man unto Himself. God did this through His Son Jesus

Christ. So we see that Christ is the very heart of this matter of reconciliation. Now man can be at one with his creator because of the blood of the cross.

Reconciliation and Concern. Corinthians 5:18-21

To say that God was in Christ reconciling the world unto Himself is another way of saying that God so loved the world... God saw the lost world and because of His great love and concern He paid the terrible price to bring the world unto Himself. The Bible never says, nor does it need to say, that God was reconciled to man. God has always loved man. The death of Christ was not to remove God's hostility toward man. As man looks at God's Son on the cross this ought to induce repentance, faith and confession in the sinner's heart. When this is done the greatest transformation on earth takes place. God performs a heart transplant. The sinner becomes a saint. The child of Satan becomes a child of God. Man becomes a new creation in Christ Jesus.

It was not the purpose of Christ to come into the world to condemn the world. His desire was to open the way for man's justification. He willed that man's sins be forgiven and buried in the sea of God's forgetfulness, never to be remembered against him anymore.

Paul goes on to say that God in Christ has committed unto us the ministry of reconciliation. The one who was God's enemy is to become God's messenger-bearer. Those of us who were once against God have now been appointed as His ambassadors.

Because of our concern for the lost "we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye

reconciled to God." "God made Christ to be sin for us." This means that Christ bore in His own being the judgment for man's sin. This was done that man might receive God's righteousness of his own. He needs to accept God's righteousness which comes through Jesus Christ.

Reconciliation and Conduct, Galatians 6:1-7

Galatians is addressed to Christians in the churches of Galatia. Christians are sometimes overtaken in some trespass. What is to be the conduct of other Christians? Paul's answer is that the one who has fallen aside should be restored. As a surgeon would set a broken limb so those who are stronger spiritually ought to restore the broken member. This must be done "in the spirit of meekness." This is always a very sensitive and delicate ministry.

Some members of Christ's body are bearing very heavy burdens. Others should get under the weight with them. It is so easy to think we are the only person who counts! Verse 4 speaks of the individual responsibility of the Christian. Let us not expect someone else to carry our load for us. Verse 6 means that those who teach the world should share in the things (probably material goods) of those who are taught.

The law of the harvest is stated plainly "Be not deceived; God is not mocked; for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap."

BIBLE QUESTION OF THE WEEK  
What is the meaning of the world "revelation" in Revelation 1:1?"

ANSWER  
It is a Greek word which means an uncovering of something which is hidden. It is the making known of something that man could not find out for himself. The book is the revelation of Jesus Christ.

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BOARD TO MEET  
The Perquimans County Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors will meet Monday night at 8 p.m. in the Municipal Building. Attendance lately has been excellent and it is hoped this trend will continue so that still more can be accomplished.

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## Obituaries



The casket pall was made of red roses, white chrysanthemums, baby's breath and fern.

Pallbearers were Kenny Taber, Paul Forbes, William Stallings, Lloyd Lane, J.B. Perry, William Spruill, Richard White and Arbray Winslow.

### WILLIAM EDWARD SPRULL

William Edward Spruill, 77, a retired commercial fisherman of 516 W. Dobbs St., died Monday at 11:45 a.m. in the Albemarle Hospital following a lingering illness.

A native of Chowan County, he was a son of the late Billy and Mrs. Addie Goodwin Spruill. He was a member of the Bethlehem Church of Christ.

Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Ruth Owens Spruill; a daughter, Mrs. Edith S. Cooper of Hertford; two sons, Dwight Edward Spruill of Norfolk and Larry Spruill of Hertford; four brothers; George Spruill of Plymouth, Frank Spruill of Tyner, Neil Spruill of Rt. 3, Hertford and Add Spruill of Shawboro; and two grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Wednesday at 2 p.m. in the Chapel of the Swindell Funeral Home by the Rev. Norman Harris.

Burial was in Cedarwood Cemetery.

### SHRINE DANCE

The Elizabeth City Shrine Club will have a dance Saturday night, February 15, from 9:30 to 12:30. For members and guest Admission will be \$5.00 per couple. Music will be furnished by Wayne Stokley and Canyon.

### FROM D.C.

Mrs. Brooke Reade and Mrs. Robert Brody of Washington, D. C. were weekend guests of the parents, Mr. and Mrs. W.H. Oakley, Jr.

Mrs. Pauline Spruill  
PAULINE DAIL SPRULL  
Mrs. Pauline Dail Spruill, 75, of Route 3, Hertford, died Thursday, morning, February 6, in the Albemarle Hospital.  
A native of Perquimans County she was a daughter of the late Drew and Mrs. Pattie Bateman Dail. Prior to her retirement she had taught school for 34 years, mostly in the Norfolk County School System.  
She was a member of the Bethlehem Church of Christ.  
Surviving are her widower, Neil S. Spruill; a daughter, Mrs. Doyle V. Stone of Durants Neck; three sons: Carlton Wade Spruill, Wilfred Dail Spruill and William Marion Spruill of Chesapeake, Va.; her step-mother, Mrs. Jennie Dail of Norfolk; three half-sisters, Mrs. Nellie Stallings of Rt. 1, Hertford, Mrs. Ursula Everett of Norfolk and Mrs. Thelma Robinson of Annapolis, Maryland; a half-brother, Archie Dail of Norfolk; 14 grandchildren and three great grandchildren.  
Funeral services were held Sunday at 2 p.m. in the Chapel of the Swindell Funeral Home by the Rev. Melvin Stoyens. Burial was in Cedarwood Cemetery.  
"I've Found a Hiding Place" was sung by Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Jones. They were accompanied by Mrs. Preston Morgan, organist.

### For Your Information

Dear friends,

A man told us of attending the funeral of his friend's father. Later the friend said to him, "It may sound strange to use the word happy, but there really was a kind of happiness in seeing you — nothing to do with being comforted, it was just that I was so glad you were there." He added, "I've been to many funerals, but I never knew until now how important it was to go."

Respectfully,



## A Matter of Time

We're changing with the times.

We are establishing new hours for our Commercial and General offices.

Beginning Monday, February 17, our office personnel will observe the following hours, Monday through Friday each week:

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