

## Evangelism Update 07-23-06

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### Note from Jim:

I'll be sending out a "special edition" of the Evangelism Update later in the week with a report on the Local EBC we held over the weekend. In the meantime, you can click the link below for a short photo video that gives you a little preview of what went on.

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### Scripture of the Week:

Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me." (John 14:6, NASB)

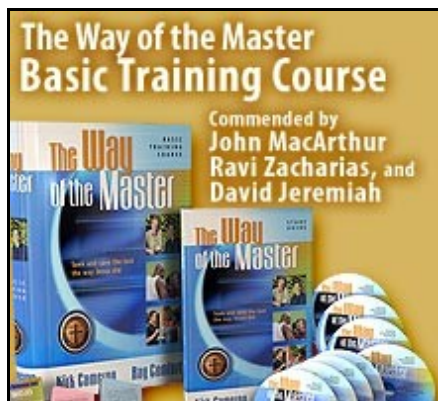
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### Quote of the Week:

"Have you noticed how much praying for revival has been going on of late -- and how little revival has resulted? Considering the volume of prayer that is ascending these days, rivers of revival should be flowing in blessing throughout the land. That no such results are in evidence should not discourage us; rather it should stir us to find out why our prayers are not answered. I believe our problem is that we have been trying to substitute praying for obeying; and it simply will not work... Prayer is never an acceptable substitute for obedience." (A. W. Tozer)

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### Evangelism Resource:



Life & Death Ministries would be glad to host the eight week *Way of the Master* Basic Training Course for your church or small group. It's an excellent resource to equip Christians to share their faith simply, effectively; the way Jesus did! All we would need is an investment of your people's time. There is no financial commitment required from you or the church. We just want to help believers overcome their fears and do what our Lord asked

us to do; seek and save that which is lost!

More info on the Basic Training Course: <http://www.wayofthemaster.com/btc/>

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## Questions & Objections:

*This Q&A comes from the [Evidence Bible](#).*

**O.** "Christians can't use 'circular reasoning' by trying to prove the Bible by quoting from the Bible!"

**A.** The "circular reasoning" argument is absurd. That's like saying you can't prove that the President lives in the White House by looking into the White House. It is looking into the White House that will provide the necessary proof. The fulfilled prophecies, the amazing consistency, and the many scientific statements of the Bible prove it to be the Word of God. They provide evidence that it is supernatural in origin.

(See Psalm 119:105 footnote below.)

## The Bible Stands Alone

*Compiled by Jordan and Justin Drake*

In 1889 a schoolteacher told a ten-year-old boy, "You will never amount to very much." That boy was Albert Einstein. In 1954 a music manager told a young singer, "You ought to go back to driving a truck." That singer was Elvis Presley. In 1962 a record company told a group of singers, "We don't like your sound. Groups with guitars are definitely on their way out." They said that to the Beatles. Man is prone to make mistakes. Those who reject the Bible should take the time to look at the evidence before they come to a verdict.

**1. It is unique in its continuity.** If just 10 people today were picked who were from the same place, born around the same time, spoke the same language, and made about the same amount of money, and were asked to write on just one controversial subject, they would have trouble agreeing with each other. But the Bible stands alone. It was written over a period of 1,600 years by more than 40 writers from all walks of life. Some were fishermen; some were politicians. Others were generals or kings, shepherds or historians. They were from three different continents, and wrote in three different languages. They wrote on hundreds of controversial subjects yet they wrote with agreement and harmony. They wrote in dungeons, in temples, on beaches, and on hillsides, during peacetime and during war. Yet their words sound like they came from the same source. So even though 10 people today couldn't write on one controversial subject and agree, God picked 40 different people to write the Bible -- and it stands the test of time.

**2. It is unique in its circulation.** The invention of the printing press in 1450 made it possible to print books in large quantities. The first book printed was the Bible. Since then, the Bible has been read by more people and printed more times than any other book in history. By 1930, over one billion Bibles had been distributed by Bible societies around the world. By 1977, Bible societies alone were printing over 200 million Bibles each year, and this doesn't include the rest of the Bible publishing companies. No one who is interested in knowing the truth can ignore such an important book.

**3. It is unique in its translation.** The Bible has been translated into over 1,400 languages. No other book even comes close.

**4. It is unique in its survival.** In ancient times, books were copied by hand onto manuscripts which were made from parchment and would decay over time. Ancient books are available today only because someone made copies of the originals to preserve them. For example, the original writings of Julius Caesar are no longer around. We know what he wrote only by the copies we have. Only 10 copies still exist, and they were made 1,000 years after he died. Only 600 copies of Homer's The Iliad exist, made 1,300 years after the originals were written. No other book has as many copies of the ancient manuscripts as the Bible. In fact, there are over 24,000 copies of New Testament manuscripts, some written within 35 years of the writer's death.

**5. It is unique in withstanding attack.** No other book has been so attacked throughout history as the Bible. In A.D. 300 the Roman emperor Diocletian ordered every Bible burned because he thought that by destroying the Scriptures he could destroy Christianity. Anyone caught with a Bible would be executed. But just 25 years later, the Roman emperor Constantine ordered that 50 perfect copies of the Bible be made at government expense. The French philosopher Voltaire, a skeptic who destroyed the faith of many people, boasted that within 100 years of his death, the Bible would disappear from the face of the earth. Voltaire died in 1728, but the Bible lives on. The irony of history is that 50 years after his death, the Geneva Bible Society moved into his former house and used his printing presses to print thousands of Bibles. The Bible has also survived criticism. No book has been more attacked for its accuracy. And yet archaeologists are proving every year that the Bible's detailed descriptions of historic events are correct.

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### Weekly "Fishing" Update:

Here's another photo from the previous Friday (7/14) at 5th & G Streets as we closed in prayer.



**Praise God!** It continues.

Pastor Gene Anderson, who coordinated the prayer gathering that Friday night submitted a letter and did a follow-up interview for The Daily Courier. He was upset that the headline for their article in that weekend's edition was "**The slime is going to enter**". This was a quote from one woman in the crowd. However, with this text in big bold letters right below the Open Air picture, it makes it seem that's what I was preaching and that it was the spirit of the event. Yes, I preached on sin - righteousness - judgment and in turn grace. Yes, they had gathered to stand and pray against the lust and pornography Larry Lacey was seeking to bring into our city. However, no one that I encountered had a 'holier-than-thou' attitude or was trying to say the Christians were any better than any one else. Pastor Gene, myself and others I know of take the stance that the only way to defeat this is for Mr. Lacey, the employees and potential patrons of this strip club to come to Christ in repentance and faith. Change the hearts of the people and the problem goes away.

The article with Pastor Gene was on the front page of Wednesday's paper. In as much as a secular newspaper would present it, a message of sin and grace got front page coverage! **God is good!**



Here's links to full-sized scans which you should be able to read.

**07-19-06 Part 1**

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Here's a few quotes I think you can appreciate:

Christians' relationship with God comes only by his grace, not from anything good they've done, and everyone has done something bad, Anderson added.

"How can you look down on somebody when, if it weren't for somebody else's goodness, you would be doing the same thing?" he asked.

"Somebody else's goodness" being a reference to Christ's grace and imputed righteousness.

God doesn't want marriages to end, and people don't want their spouses to leave them, he said. The Bible says even looking at a woman with lust is akin to committing adultery with her, he said, and strip clubs promote those thoughts. Life is short, and becoming a Christian doesn't guarantee that it will be easier, but what a person does now affects what happens to them for eternity, he said.

Even if an activity seems innocent, "you can't justify something just because, for you, it feels good or it provides for you," he said.

To know what it means to be a Christian, a person need not go to a specific church, just read the Book of John in the Bible and pray, he added.

It makes me think of this Bible verse... "What then? Only that in every way, whether in pretense or in truth, Christ is proclaimed; and in this I rejoice. Yes, and I will rejoice." (Philippians 1:18)

Also, since the article is in response to what was published previously, I've rescanned the article from the 15th. It's a little larger so it should be easier to read if you had any trouble with it before.

#### 07-15-06 Part 1

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#### Prayer Points:

- We apparently stirred up a hornet's nest with the enemy as we carried the gospel to the streets in our Local EBC this weekend. Stacy Rowlett (Richard's wife) had planned to attend, but stayed home because they'd learned she's pregnant. Saturday, she called Richard to say she was experiencing some cramping and bleeding. Sunday morning Greg also informed us his wife Patty had found a new lump on her neck and he likewise had a lump that had shown up under his arm. Also on Sunday, my eyes began to hurt and became extremely light sensitive. I had to wear sunglasses even indoors and though I kept going, it was excruciating to be out in the sun. On top of that, the fridge went out at my house spoiling all the food in it and Stacy called to tell Richard their car was dead. We all consider this a sign that we were pushing against the gates of hell and provoking the enemy in the cause of Christ. My eyes are fine this morning, but I ask that you pray for Stacy, Greg & Patty.  
*So they went on their way from the presence of the Council, rejoicing that they had been considered worthy to suffer shame for His name. (Acts 5:41, NASB)*
  - "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Therefore beseech the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into His harvest." (Matthew 9:37-38, NASB)
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#### Calendar:

- **Downtown Fishing Hole** (Recurring)  
*Saturdays*  
Street witnessing (3pm to 6pm) downtown along 6th Street. Meet in the Budget Internet parking lot (4th St & F St).
- **DMV O/A** (Recurring)  
*Wednesdays*  
Open Air preaching at 8:45am to the people waiting for the DMV doors to open.
- **[Seed Sowing at Back to the 50's Summer Celebration](#)**  
*Grants Pass, OR / July 28-29*  
Last year there were hundreds, if not thousands, of people along 6th St for the Friday night parade. Saturday downtown and at the park should be good "fishing" too.
- **(New) Concert in the Park**  
*Grants Pass, OR / August 1*  
Terri will be the first contemporary Christian artist asked to perform in this concert series at Riverside Park. It's a wonderful opportunity to encourage a teammate and "fish" amongst the crowd that gathers.
- **[Seed Sowing at Josephine County Fair](#)**  
*Grants Pass, OR / August 19*  
We gave out 800 tracts along with doing one-2-ones within just three or four hours last year.
- **Seed Sowing at Asian Cultural Festival**  
*Grants Pass, OR / September 9*  
We'll hit the park and "fish" amongst the people this will draw on Saturday. We may even get to witness

to Buddhists.

- **[Seed Sowing at Art Along the Rogue](#)**

*Grants Pass, OR / October 7*

Last year I was able to open air preach to about 300-400 people. Big time fishing opportunity right there are 6th & H St.

If you would like to join us, [click here](#) to send us your contact info.

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May Jesus receive the glory He is due!

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### **Jim Jones**

"Sin and hell are married unless repentance proclaims the divorce." - Charles Spurgeon

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