

The Hour is Late

In case you haven't noticed, the hour grows very late. Whatever ministry things the LORD God has laid on your heart to accomplish, get them done.

Even if the hour weren't late, consider your age and how much time you have left to fulfill your ministry. For me, I have many things to write and document before that time is shut off. I would like to be able to stand before my Lord and know that they were accomplished.

Ye Cannot Serve the LORD...

This message has been moved to the Ebenezer Baptist Church's [Messages and Lessons section](#), with the direct link here: [Ye Cannot Serve the LORD...](#)

To What Country...?

One of the greatest battles any child of the LORD fights is the battle for their allegiance. The pull to allow allegiance to the nation one was born in to take precedence over the kingdom of God is quite strong. After all, it is natural to hold an allegiance to the land of one's nativity. However, we are called to further the kingdom of the Lord Jesus Christ and place our service to Christ above ALL else.

This lesson examines that. May it be profitable for you.

[audio:http://www.reproachofmen.org/preaching/mp3/to_what_country.mp3]

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[To What Country...?](#)

In Christ,

Paul W. Davis

Better To Not Vow...

One of the least understood aspects of Christianity is church membership. Even among fundamental Baptists there is little more than a cursory understanding which often consists of believing that showing up and warming a pew regularly is fulfilling the covenant. However, the truth is much different. It is not well understood today that the LORD has never changed His view regarding covenants – especially those covenants where individuals vow to serve Him.

Because the modern day Christian lacks understanding of this issue, churches suffer greatly and have little influence in this society. Unfortunately, I do not expect the situation to change anytime soon. The following lesson is to at least take a step in the right direction.

May you find it profitable.

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is provided:

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Josef Tson

I first heard about Josef Tson back in the 1990's. The tape I have from then is a partial recording, but it is very powerful. The video is not quite as powerful, but the message is the same. The message is profitable for all, and fundamental, unaffiliated Baptists would do well to take heed.

There are only three caveats that I make concerning Pastor Tson and the forum in which he presents his messages and testimony:

- His forum is Southern Baptist. It is not the best and he could do better. However, the Southern Baptists are the largest "Baptist" denomination in America, and they took Pastor Tson in immediately. I am not certain Josef Tson understands who and what the Southern Baptists are. But, I am not certain most Southern Baptists understand who and what they are either.
- His understanding of the word "servant" as opposed to "slave" is culturally driven. That is not bad, but it does bear some explanation. In the KJV, the word "slave" is only used twice. The word "servant" is used in 887 verses. In short, the word "servant" encompasses everything from a slave to a taxi driver who is hired for a few moments time.

- I cannot speak as to his Bible, but the wording he uses and the understanding he has of what it teaches is consistent with a Received Text rendering.

With those things in mind, please be blessed.

If you cannot view the video in the post, it can be found [here](#).

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New Wine For New Bottles

This message addresses the differences between Israel and the New Testament Church, and why Israel was not suitable for use as this new and different type of house of witness.

I pray it is profitable for you.

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[New Wine For New Bottles](#)

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Unacknowledged Sins

The following audio is about those sins that we all harbor, and consistently fail to acknowledge as sins. Rather, we tend to justify these and excuse them as being the fault of those who offended us.

May you profit by the message.

In Christ,

Paul W. Davis

If the podcast does not work for you, or you wish to download the file, you can access it by the following link:

[Our Unacknowledged Sins](#)

The Problems of Assuming

The following podcast is a Wednesday night lesson on the dangers of assuming you know the intent of someone else. As the Scripture plainly demonstrates, we cannot know the heart of another – only the LORD God can know the true intent of

someone's heart.

I pray you find the lesson profitable.

In Christ,

Paul W. Davis

The Functioning of the Body: The NT Church – Pt. 2

This lesson is now located on the Ebenezer Baptist Church, [Messages and Lessons page](#), or by following the link below:

[The Functioning of the Body: The New Testament Church – Pt. 2](#)

The Functioning of the Body: The NT Church – Pt. 1

The [embedded MP3 file](#) was presented in Ebenezer Baptist Mission's Sunday morning services during Bible Study on June 7th. I pray you find it edifying and a cause for reflection on how we conduct ourselves as members of a New Testament church. If you are born-again in Christ, and not a member of a New

Testament church, I pray it gives you a better understanding as to how a New Testament church works. After all, it is the will of the Lord Jesus Christ that you enter into covenant with Him for life-long service – which is found only within the local, visible, New Testament church.

The lesson addresses a very thorny issue in every New Testament church – that of opposition within the church. My prayer is that fundamental, unaffiliated Baptists begin to take a more balanced and Scriptural approach in dealing with this single issue. In so doing, our churches will be stronger in the LORD and more solidly grounded in understanding the “whys and wherefores” of such things. The end that is desired is a New Testament church that never fails to follow its Head – the Lord Jesus Christ.

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