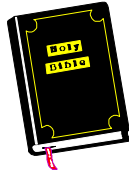


# WEST COLUMBIA CHURCH OF CHRIST



“every disciple that is perfect shall be as his master.” Luke 6:40b

## WHAT ABOUT THE HEN?

Sometime back some young fellow objected to the biblical account of creation, and informed an aged sister that he no longer accepted the Bible as true; he no longer believed in heaven; he had come to the conclusion that all matters are the result of evolutionary processes. This sister said to him that while she lacked his education opportunities, she would like to ask him a question or two: Would he please explain to her, which came first, the hen, or the egg? He thought about it a moment, smiled at such an easy question, and said that anybody ought to know that the hen was first. Of course, the hen was first. She said to him, "Well, would you please tell me where that first hen came from, since, according to your own view, it didn't grow up from a chicken, and was not hatched from an egg? How do you account for the origin of that first hen?" His brow knitted in perplexity; and he said that he had decided his first answer was a bit hasty; he hadn't given proper attention tot he question; had not thought it through. He felt sure now that, undoubtedly, the egg was first! Yes, certainly the egg was first. She said, "Do you mean to tell me that there was once a hen egg without a hen to lay it? Then in his confusion, she said this to him: "You can't even explain to me the mere existence of a hen without a God, and yet you expect me to believe in the universe without Him"

- Guy N. Woods, Gospel Preacher, Texas, Sermons on Salvation

“In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth” - Genesis 1:1

## Get Your Own Dirt!

One day a group of scientists got together and decided that man had come a long way and no longer needed God. So they picked one scientist to go and tell Him that they were done with Him. The scientist walked up to God and said, "God, we've decided that we no longer need you. We're to the point that we can clone people and do many miraculous things, so why don't you just go on and get lost." God listened very patiently and kindly to the man and after the scientist was done talking, God said, "Very well, how about this, let's say we have a man making contest." To which the scientist replied, "OK, great!" But God added, "Now, we're going to do this just like I did back in the old days with Adam." The scientist said, "Sure, no problem" and bent down and grabbed himself a handful of dirt. God just looked at him and said, "No, **you go get your own dirt!**"

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Sun 10 AM Bible Study: 44  
Sun 11 AM Assembly: 70  
Sun 6 PM Assembly: 50  
Weds 7 PM Bible Study: 38  
CONTRIBUTION: \$2341

AM: Jerry Manning  
**IN OUR WEAKNESS WE ARE MADE STRONG**  
PM: Jerry Manning  
**SEEING WITH THE EYE OF FAITH**

**“I know thy works: behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it: and hast kept my word, and hast not denied my name.” - Revelation 3:8**  
for thou hast a little strength,

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Sunday 10 AM Bible Study  
Sunday 11 AM, 6 PM Assembly  
Wednesday 7 PM Bible Study  
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## **“PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER” - James 5:16**

- **REMEMBER IN PRAYER:** Lamar Reeves, Beryl Parks, Nina Ruth Meadows (Marcella Klieves' mother), Jack and Elma Berrier, Lynn Drago (Jerry's sister) and Phyllis Johnson.
- **Vernecia Matthews** is doing well after a second biopsy. The first was determined to be inconclusive. Thank you for your continued prayers.
- **Steve Hutchinson** is home after having knee surgery.
- **William Stoyk, Michael's** father, is improved some, but still in LMC.
- **Donald Klieves** starts a new job Monday and is thankful for your prayers.
- **Jean Baker's** husband passed away. She is the sister of **Ron Banks** and **Carolyn Stidham**. The funeral was Wednesday at the building.
- **Marylyn Brooks** is still at home, bed-ridden and would appreciate prayers, visits, calls and cards.
- **Brother Manning** has many Bible studies during the week, remember these, those that are recovering from loss, in your prayers.

## **“AND THEY CONTINUED STEADFASTLY” - Acts 2:42**

- **Young Ladies Bible class Sunday at 5 pm.**
- **College age Bible study Thursday at 8 pm.**
- **Transportation** needed for sisters **Betty Mathis, Jean Boyd** and **Marilyn Brooks.**
- **Pantry items** to bring to the church building. Remember, pop-tops are best.

10/25 Chef Boyardee ABC and 123 w/Meatballs 10/18—DelMonte Citrus Salad

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## **WHAT IS THE CHURCH WORTH?**

1. To Christ it was worth His **blood**: Acts 20:28
2. To God it was worth His **Son**: John 3:16
3. To Stephen it was worth his **life**: Acts 6-7
4. To Paul it was worth his **heritage**: Philippians 3:8; 2 Corinthians 11:28
5. To Matthew it was worth his **job**: Luke 5:27
6. To Philip it was worth his **time**: Acts 8:26-40
7. To James it was worth his **prestige**: James 1:1
8. To Peter it was worth his **attitudes**: 2 Peter 1:10,11
9. To John it was worth his **concern**: 3 John 4
- 10 To Jude it was worth his **freedom**: Jude 1

NOW: ... WHAT IS THE CHURCH WORTH TO **YOU**?

- **Richard Ramkinson**, Minister, Windsor Lake church of Christ, South Carolina

## **DOES IT MATTER WHAT YOU BELIEVE?**

The majority in our world believe that it is acceptable to believe whatever you choose to believe and that ALL are on the road to heaven, but merely taking different routes. Many suggest that God finds such action of “tolerance” acceptable and right. Is that true? Does the Bible advocate, condone or approve of such an idea?

Listen To Key Passages and you are forced to conclude that it does matter. Proverbs 14:12: "There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death." 2 John 10-11: "If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into your house, neither bid him God speed: For he that biddeth him God speed is partaker of his evil deeds." Matthew 15:8-9: "This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honoureth me with their lips; but their heart is far from me. But in vain they do worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men." Romans 16:17: "Nov 1 beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which we have learned; and avoid them" An open mind, logically thinking, is required to accept there are ways of men that are wrong, evil and will cause one to be lost eternally. The ways of men are vain in God's sight.

Remember Key Events and be reminded how God reacted to changes, manipulations or perversions. Adam and Eve did not obey God — they were punished. Nadab and Abihu rejected God's instructions—they perished. Moses did not obey God's command to speak to the rock—he was not allowed to enter the Promised Land. Uzzah knew that God had command NOT to touch the ark of the covenant, but he touched it anyway—and perished because of His disobedience. God means what He says! God will NOT allow deviations from His way! Is such a perspective (concept) too strict? No doubt to some it is - but the same ones are just as STRICT when it involves medicine (kind, dosage and frequency) they are to take. They are rigid to the exact instructions being followed. These same individuals would be narrow-minded and strict when signing a contract to a home, wanting to do it by the letter of the law, so the deed would not be flawed. Legalistic? Yes, appropriately so! So it should be in religious matters as well.

Understand God's Demands and you must realize that man does NOT have the alternative to follow his whims or theories, and expect God to be pleased with such action. You can NOT mess with the message of God and remain "acceptable" in our Heavenly Father's sight! DOES IT MATTER — what you believe? What you teach others? How you worship? What you do to become a follower of Jesus? Absolutely YES! There is not a single occurrence, Scripture or fact in God's Word (when studied in context) that allows for man to “do his own thing” “create his own way” or “pick and choose” what he wants and discard what he does not want. Let's go back to the BIBLE, the inspired and accurate Word of God. It (and it alone) must be our solo and complete source of authority in what we do to please God, our Creator.

- **Paul Sain**, Gospel Preacher, Easthill Church of Christ, Tennessee

**“For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth;” - Romans 1:16**