
Calvary Chronicle

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The Pillar and Ground of the Truth

Welcome:

The membership of Calvary Baptist Church would like to thank you for visiting with us today. We hope that the music and message will be a blessing to you.

There are several ways to learn more about us. Visit our web-site: <http://idahobaptist.com>. You can also hear our services or watch past messages by going to our **Facebook** page on your computer or smart phone at “**Calvary Independent Baptist Church of Post Falls.**” Also, many of our messages can be heard on “sermonaudio.com/idahobaptist.”

Schedule:

Fultons leave for Germany – September 12th.
Men’s Prayer Meeting – September 18th - 6:30 a.m.
Fellowship Sunday – September 19th - 1:30 service.
Bryan Station Bible Conference – October 20-22.

It will be a great comfort ...

in the dying hour, to think we have glorified God in our lives. It was Christ's comfort before his death: John xvii 4. “I have glorified thee on the earth.” At the hour of death, all your earthly comforts will vanish: if you think how rich you have been, what pleasures you have had on earth; this will be so far from comforting you, that it will torment you the more. What is one the better for an estate that is spent? But to have conscience telling you, that you have glorified God on the earth, what sweet comfort and peace will this let into your soul! How will it make you long for death!

– T. Watson (1620-1686)

When people treat you badly ...

behaving harshly and speaking without kindness about you, pray for a faulty memory.

– Unknown

Services:

Sunday School – 10:00 a.m.

“Baptist Activities Survey”

Morning Service – 11:00 a.m. **Malachi 1:6-14**

“The Sallow Sacrifice”

Evening Service – 6:00 p.m.

Bro. Austin Fulton

Wednesday Prayer and Bible Study – 7:00 p.m.

We see harmony between ...

the sovereignty of God and the free agency of man strikingly exemplified in the crucifixion of Christ. God determined that Christ should be crucified (Acts 2:23; 4:27,28). And He determined that certain ones should do it, but He did this permissively. All that took part in the crucifixion were only acting out their own natures, and were never freer in any act, nor was God ever freer in any act. Through wicked motives they chose to kill the Lord of glory. They killed Him because they hated Him. They killed Him because He rebuked them for their sin. They killed Him because He took away the glory that had been theirs. God did not cause them to do it, but He decreed to permit them to follow their own inclinations and desires in doing it.

– T.P. Simmons

Several atheists have filed ...

a lawsuit against the state of Mississippi over its “In God We Trust” license plate. The complaint accuses the Commissioner of Revenue of violating people's freedom of speech and religion by forcing them to display the religious message on their vehicles. The license plate has included “In God We Trust” since 2019. Governor Tate Reeves, in a statement said he plans to defend the license plate's motto. “I know Mississippi's values are our strength, and I meant it when I said as governor I would defend our values every single day! I will defend ‘In God We Trust’ on our tag, on our flag, and on our state seal every single day.”

– AP

David Attenborough ...

of BBC wildlife show fame is regularly asked by Christians why he will not give credit to God for the amazing creatures featured on his nature documentaries. He often replies: "When Creationists talk about God creating every individual species as a separate act, they always instance hummingbirds, or orchids, sunflowers and beautiful things. But I tend to think instead of a parasitic worm that is boring through the eye of a boy sitting on the bank of a river in West Africa – that's going to make him blind. Are you telling me that the God you believe in, who you also say is an all-merciful God, who cares for each one of us individually; are you saying that God created this worm that can live in no other way than in an innocent child's eyeball? Because that doesn't seem to me to coincide with a God who's full of mercy."

This is exactly the conclusion any reasonable and compassionate person should reach. The creation we occupy is full of many things much worse than parasitism.

Sir Attenborough's logic would be spot on if the literal interpretation of Genesis were not true. Rejecting the truth of man's evil heart, our rebellion, and the reality of the Curse makes observing our present circumstance of suffering and death considerably confusing, and perhaps a source of resentment.

But by rejecting the truth, they also have no hope of the gospel. Their unknowable god made a universe with time-and-chance evolution that resulted in the same predicament of parasitism-and for no good reason. Therefore, they should be even more upset with this supposed god and its millions of years of evolutionary suffering – but they are not.

So, what about this worm? Did the real God create a parasite that can live in no other way than a child's eye? Absolutely not! These worms are actually called nematodes. There are about 40,000 species of nematodes, and the majority are not parasitic at all! They exist quite well outside of the human eye. Only 35 of them are parasitic to humans. Christians need not shrink back from Sir Attenborough's questions because, like hummingbirds and orchids, nematodes are amazing!

Nematodes thrive all over the earth. They live in oceans, on mountains, and deep underground. One cubic meter of dirt can contain over a million nematodes. Since we know God made them to be not parasitic at the beginning, what function do they

serve? The majority are incredibly beneficial. They feed on the nutritious insides of bacteria and algae and decompose organic matter. This fertilizes the soil, helping plants to thrive. They are not the bad guys after all.

But why are some parasitic? Interestingly, evolutionists also believe that nematodes started out harmless. Researchers published a 2009 paper in *Trends in Genetics* that explained the following: since nematodes already ride harmlessly on insects, the researchers think that when resources grew scarce, some species learned that they could feed on their insect companions. The behavior was just a matter of surviving. Unfortunately; this parasitism is how African river blindness is transmitted. Struggling nematodes learned that they can feed on blackflies. Blackflies learned that they can feed on humans. When an infected fly bites a human, it can transfer the nematodes and thus cause a child to tragically lose his sight.

Truly, all of creation groans (Romans 8:22). But because God is truly merciful, Jesus died for the guilty; and those He saves will be with Him where there is no more suffering or death. Now that is amazing. I hope Sir Attenborough discovers this mercy soon.

– Scott Arledge, ICR

If we are daily concerned ...

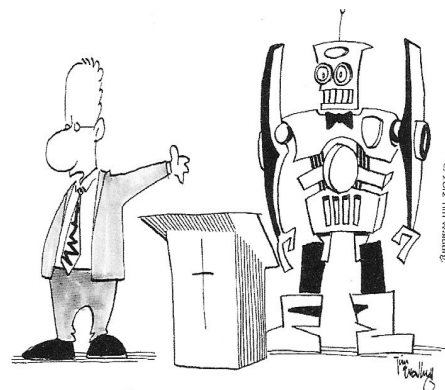
about seeking to please God in all the details, great and small, of our lives. He will not leave us in ignorance of His will concerning us.

– A. W. Pink

Reading a certain ...

new translation of the Bible "gave me the same feeling a man might have if he tried to shave with a banana."

– A. W. Tozer



**"Our guest speaker today is here to talk to you about
'transforming grace.'"**