

God's Basic Math (Part 2 of 3)

by Douglas Hoff

The Lord Subtracts

To subtract means to take away or remove. Jesus "was manifested to take away our sins" (1 John 3:5). One of the greatest blessings of the new covenant is having one's sins blotted out (Acts 3:19). This is subtracting not a part but the whole. Thus, there is no condemnation (Rom. 8:1-2).

The Lord told the church at Ephesus He would take away their lampstand if they did not repent (Rev. 2:5). One who does not overcome sin will have his name removed from the book of life (Rev. 3:5).

Those whose names are not written in the book will be cast out (Rev. 20:15). Revelation 22:19 warns that "if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part from the Book of Life."

The Lord Multiplies

God told Adam and Eve to be fruitful and multiply (Gen. 1:27-28). However, it is the Lord who gives conception (Ruth 4:13; cf. Gen. 29:31; 30:22). Adam and Eve had their part in reproduction but it was God who blessed them to have children (Ps. 127:3). Multiplication occurs as God and man do their respective parts (Gen. 6:1).

In like manner the church has been given the task of preaching the gospel to a lost world. This is spiritual reproduction that brings forth souls that have been born again (John 3:3-7; 1 Pet. 1:23). When sinners hear and obey God's word it accomplishes a great work (Rom. 1:16,17).

It is the power of the gospel that leads to multiplication of saved souls (Heb. 4:12). The early church went about preaching the word and reaped the harvest of souls (Acts 5:42; 6:1,7; 9:31; 12:24). The Lord was behind all this growth as Paul explained, "I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the increase" (1 Cor 3:6; cf. 2 Cor. 9:10).

Next week we will consider ways in which the Lord divides.



Church of Christ

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Sunday	10:00 AM	Bible Study (for all ages)
	10:45 AM	Worship Assembly
	6:00 PM	Song Worship
	6:30 PM	Worship Assembly
Wednesday	7:00 PM	Bible Study

Elders: Tom Seigworth, Rod Thomas, Allan Seigworth
Preacher: Randy Matheny

Sunday, May 13th, 2018

Serving Today

Announcer:	Allan
Song Leader:	Dave H.
1 st Prayer:	Scott
Table:	David N.
Serving:	Jim, Scott, Brian, Dick, sub: Doug
2 nd Prayer:	Doug
Scripture:	Don - Matthew 15:21-28
Sermon:	Randy
Closing Prayer:	Adam N.

Serving Tonight

Announcer:	Allan
Song Leader:	Evan
1 st Prayer:	Rod
Sermon:	Randy
Closing Prayer:	Don

Wednesday Night Song Leaders

5/9 - Rod
5/16 - Allan
5/23 - Dave
5/30 - Dick

♥ Those to remember:

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| Al Emery | |
| Ken Thomas | Jim Metts |
| Irene Schmidt | Milly Park |
| Shawn Simpson – hip cancer | Paul and Linda Smith |
| Tom and May Seigworth | Rod Thomas |
| Kevin Hughes | Betty Hughes |
| Norma Thomas | June Rhines |
| Linda Reichart | Adam Neill |
| Florence Homolek | Waylan Whitten |
| Nick Van Horn – 20-yr-old with cancer | |
| Landon Fawcett – Paul Smith’s grandson | |



“Pray without ceasing” - I Thess. 5:17

Notes

- WELCOME to all our visitors today! Thank you for worshipping with us.
- The next Ladies Bible study will be tomorrow, Monday, the 14th at Norma’s from 6:30 – 8:00. Ladies of all ages are encouraged to attend. The topics we will be studying are gratitude and blessings in Christ.
- It’s time to mow the church yard. There is a sign-up sheet on the back bulletin board to volunteer your time.
- There will be a youth gathering this Saturday evening @ 5:00 pm down at the pavilion. There will be a devotional and fire to cook hot dogs. Dogs and drinks will be provided. Please bring side food.
- A VBS meeting has been scheduled for next Sunday following morning services. There is also a sign-up sheet on the back bulletin for those willing to help.

- There are many invitations to area congregational activities. They are posted on the back bulletin board if you would like more information.

Birthdays and Anniversaries



- 5/14 – Dick and Barb Hughes
- 5/15 – Jared Thomas

Memory Verses of the Week:

They shall go into the holes of the rocks, and into the caves of the earth, from the terror of the Lord and the glory of His majesty, when He arises to shake the earth mightily.

Isaiah 2:19

Bible Question of the Week:

What was the name of the beautiful Shunammite girl found to take care of King David in his old age?

Last Week’s Question and Answer:

What did the great multitude have in their hands as they stood before the throne and in front of the Lamb?

Palm branches, Rev. 7:9

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Bobby and Marilyn made it safely to Texas last weekend. Below is their new address:

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