

God's Basic Math (Part 3 of 3)

by Douglas Hoff

The Lord Divides

Students often struggle with long division. The Lord, on the other hand, has no difficulty dividing His sheep from the goats (Matt.25:31-33). Normally, we would think the Lord hates division (Prov. 6:16-19). Yet Jesus taught, "Do *you* suppose that I came to give peace on earth? I tell you, not at all, but rather division" (Luke 12:51; NKJV).

Unity in the church is the divine ideal (Eph. 4:1-6). Satan works hard against that end. He loves to divide the kingdom of God knowing such leads to its downfall (Matt. 12:25). When Paul learned of division in the church at Corinth, that issue was the first thing he addressed in his letter. The first four chapters are devoted to resolving the problem by addressing the underlying cause. Later he said, "For first of all, when you come together as a church, I hear that there are divisions among you, and in part I believe it. For there must also be factions among you, that those who are approved may be recognized among you" (1 Cor 11:18-19; NKJV). Clearly, some were approved while others were not. In this case man's sin was the cause of the division but the Lord recognized one of the factions as being right regarding the matter.

Christians have the responsibility to "rightly divide" the word of truth (2 Tim. 2:15). What does this mean? The ASV says "handling aright." It literally means to make a straight cut, that is, to dissect. The imagery conveys the idea of correctly expounding God's word.

Conclusion

The Lord knows exactly when and how to add, subtract, multiply and divide. He always gets the proper results too.

Has your name been added to the Lamb's book of life (Rev. 21:27)? If not, obey the gospel to be saved (Acts 2:38). Then, live faithfully to your Lord and you will receive the crown of life (Rev. 2:10). This requires adding certain qualities to your faith (2 Pet. 1:5-11).



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 20th, 2018

Serving Today

Announcer:	Allan
Song Leader:	Dave H.
1 st Prayer:	Randy
Table:	David N.
Serving:	Jim, Scott, Brian, Dick, sub: Doug
2 nd Prayer:	Larry
Scripture:	Evan - I Cor. 3:16-23
Sermon:	Randy
Closing Prayer:	Dick

Serving Tonight

Announcer:	Allan
Song Leader:	John
1 st Prayer:	Dave H.
Sermon:	Randy
Closing Prayer:	Doug

Wednesday Night Song Leaders

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

Birthdays and Anniversaries



5/22 - Toby Fulmer

5/26 - Bill and Connie Ingram

♥ Those to remember:

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



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

Notes

- WELCOME to all our visitors today! Thank you for worshipping with us.
- Pam fell Wednesday evening taking Titan out and broke her wrist and hurt her shoulder. She is in a lot of pain. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Milly didn't have a good week. Her face was swollen and red. The doctor said she may have an allergy to something. Let's pray the medicine takes care of the issue.
- It's time to mow the church yard. Please sign-up on the sheet on the back bulletin board to volunteer your time.
- VBS is scheduled for June 21 - 23 from 6:00 - 8:00 each evening. It is coming up very quickly. There will be a meeting today following morning services. There is also a sign-up sheet on the back bulletin for those willing to teach, be a helper, and make snacks.

Memory Verses of the Week:

But God be thanked that though you were slaves of sin, yet you obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine to which you were delivered. And having been set free from sin, you became slaves of righteousness.

Romans 6:17-18

Bible Question of the Week:

“Thus also _____ by _____, if it does not have _____, is _____.”

Found in _____.

Last Week's Question and Answer:

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

Abishag, I Kings 1:3

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Rod was afraid that Kim was losing her hearing. So he walked up close to her and asked, “Can you hear me?”

She didn't answer.

He walked up closer and asked again. But there was no answer.

Finally he asked her one more time, really loudly, and Kim said, “For the third time, yes!”