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Bible Study..... 9:30 A.M.  
Morning Worship.... 10:30 A.M.  
Afternoon Worship.....1:30 P.M.

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## Jerusalem, A Type of the Church (Part 1)

Garland Elkins

*[Editor's Note: Our beloved and esteemed brother Garland Elkins passed from this life Friday, October 28, 2016, at the age of 90. In my long association with brother Elkins I am convinced that no man that I have known was more passionate about the church of our Lord Jesus Christ than he. In the following manuscript prepared for the 2010 MSOP Lectureship volume entitled, "Shadows of Good Things", brother Elkins explores the typology of the city of Jerusalem that foreshadowed the church.]*

### INTRODUCTION

It is apparent that Jerusalem is a type of the church. In showing the superiority of the gospel of Christ over the Law of Moses, and while discussing it in an allegory, Paul stated, "The Jerusalem that is above is the church." The Hebrew writer said,

But ye are come unto Mount Zion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable hosts of angels, to the general assembly and church of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven (Heb. 12:22, 23, ASV).

### A CITY OF LAW

The church is a dispensation of the law of grace and spiritual freedom. "For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death" (Rom. 8:2, KJV). "Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus" (Rom. 3:24, ASV). "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God; not of works, lest any man should boast" (Eph. 2:8, 9, KJV). "Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ" (Gal. 6:2, KJV). "But he that looketh into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and so continueth, being not a hearer that forgetteth but a doer that worketh, this man shall be blessed in his doing" (Jam. 1:25 ASV). "So speak ye, and so do, as men that are to be judged by a law of liberty" (Jam. 2:12, ASV). Grace did not dispense with all law. That was true even in the Old Testament.

When God decided to destroy the wicked in Noah's day, it is written, "But Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord" (Gen. 6:8, KJV). However God's grace to Noah did not dispense with God's law for we read, "Thus did Noah; according to all that God commanded him, so did he" (Gen. 6:22, KJV). Noah was saved by the grace of God; however, he was also saved by faithful obedience and preparation. "By faith Noah, being warned of God concerning things not seen as yet, moved with godly fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house; through which he condemned the world, and became heir of the righteousness which is according to faith" (Heb. 11:7, ASV). Thus we read: "And spared not the ancient world, but preserved Noah with seven others, a preacher of righteousness, when he brought a flood upon the world of the ungodly" (2 Pet. 2:5, ASV).

Paul wrote: "being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus" (Rom. 3:24 ASV). In Romans 3:27 we read, "Where then is the glorying? It is excluded. By what manner of law? Of works? Nay; but by a law of faith" (Rom. 3:27, ASV).

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### A CITY OF CHOICE

The Lord had Moses record:

But unto the place which the Lord your God shall choose out of all your tribes to put his name there, even unto his habitation shall ye seek, and thither thou shalt come: And thither ye shall bring your burnt offerings, and your sacrifices, and your tithes, and heave offerings of your hand, and your vows, and your freewill offerings, and the firstlings of your herds and of your flocks: And there ye shall eat before the Lord your God, and ye shall rejoice in all that ye put your hand unto, ye and your households, wherein the Lord thy God hath blessed thee. Ye shall not do after all the things that we do here this day, every man whatsoever is right in his own eyes (Deu. 12:5-8, KJV).

God chose a city: "But I have chosen Jerusalem, that my name might be there; and have chosen David to be over my people Israel" (2 Chr. 6:6, KJV). The scripture also says, "But chose the tribe of Judah, the mount Zion which he loved" (Psa. 78:68, KJV). The Psalmist added:

For the Lord hath chosen Zion; he hath desired it for his habitation. This as my rest for ever: here will I dwell; for I have desired it. I will abundantly bless her provision: I will satisfy her poor with bread. I will also clothe her priests with salvation: and her saints shall shout aloud for joy. There will I make the horn of David to bud: I have ordained a lamp for mine anointed. His enemies will I clothe with shame: but upon himself shall his crown flourish (Psa. 132:13-18, KJV).

The church is of divine choice. It is the kingdom of God, and the Lord adds all the saved to it.

And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven (Mat. 16:18, 19, KJV).

### A CITY OF DIVINE RULE

Here God made known His law and judgments:

And it shall come to pass in the last days, that the mountain of the Lord's house shall be

established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow unto it. And many people shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways and we will walk in his paths: for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem (Isa. 2:2, 3, KJV).

It was in Jerusalem that divine services, such as worship, sacrifices, and burnt offerings, were offered to God:

Our fathers worshipped in this mountain; and ye say, that in Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship. Jesus saith unto her. Woman, believe me, the hour cometh, when ye shall neither in this mountain, nor yet at Jerusalem, worship the Father. Ye worship he know not what; we know what we worship: for salvation is of the Jews. But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him. God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth (John. 4:20-24, KJV).

### A CITY OF DIVINE AUTHORITY

And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you; and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen (Mat. 28:18-20, KJV).

All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works (2 Tim. 3:16, 17, KJV).

If any man minister, let him do it as of the ability which God giveth; that God in all things may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom be praise and dominion for ever and ever. Amen (1 Pet. 4:11, KJV).

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**LORD'S TABLE**

<b>PRESIDE:</b>	Greg Mangrum	Eddie Ray
<b>ASSIST:</b>	Andy Ammons	Nick Aubrey
	Jackson Greer	Kevin Knipple
	Gene Kuehn	Raymond Pipkin

**PRAYERS**

<b>A.M. OPENING:</b>	Jonathan Beard
<b>A.M. CLOSING:</b>	Adam Maund
<b>P.M. OPENING:</b>	Paul Davenport
<b>P.M. CLOSING:</b>	Randy Elliott

If you are unable to lead prayer or serve at the Lord's table, please contact Cedric Huff or Paul Connell.

**RECORD, WEEK of October 31, 2016**

BIBLE STUDY:	255
A.M. WORSHIP:	315
P.M. WORSHIP:	230
CONTRIBUTON:	\$16,551

**OUR SICK**

**Beth Billings**, Methodist Hospital Germantown, ICU.

**Allan Hart**, Methodist Hospital Germantown, CVICU.

**HOMEBOUND**

Bessie Berry	Albert & Ruth House
Ann Castleman	Clarine Justice
Virginia Ditto	Ryan McCullar
Hazel Eskew	Helen Palazola
Tommy & Nell Herndon	Jerry & Betty Robbins
Anita Hopper	James Terry

**KIRBY PINES** Retirement Community worship service each fourth Sunday 8:00-8:45 a.m., conducted by Forest Hill. Our next service will be Sunday, November 27.

**LEGACY ESTATES** worship service each Sunday afternoon 3:00 p.m. conducted by Forest Hill.

**OUR SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED TO:**

The family of Garland Elkins, who passed away Friday, October 28. The funeral service was Monday at Forest Hill Church of Christ.

Bob Bergstrom in the passing of his brother, John Bergstrom, who passed away Sunday in Plymouth, Massachusetts.

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**HEARTS & HANDS**

**Team "E" (Jim Woody)** will meet Saturday, November 5 at 9:00 a.m. at the home of Jim & Edwyna Woody for breakfast.

**TEAM "F" (Steve Allmond)** will meet Sunday, November 13 after the morning service in the fellowship hall for a covered dish luncheon.

**TEAM "A" (Paul Connell)** will receive assignments the week of November 13.

There will be no assignments the week of November 20.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**LADIES' and MEN'S CLASSES** meet each Tuesday at 10:00 a.m. We will meet for breakfast at Cracker Barrel, Tuesday, Nov. 8 at 8:45.

**MONEY MANAGEMENT** (9 Week Course) each Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. in the education building.

**ST. JUDE TOY DRIVE** The Young Adults will be collecting new, unwrapped toys during the month of November. There is a list of needed items (and items not accepted by St. Jude) in the foyer. You may bring donated toys to the church office or see Jackson & Kathryn Greer. Also, checks can be made payable to Forest Hill with memo "St. Jude."

**LADIES DAY at Forest Hill** Saturday, November 12. Speaker: Lori Boyd of Murfreesboro, TN. Join us for breakfast at 8:30 a.m. Our program will conclude by noon.

**CHILDREN'S CLOTHES CLOSET** can always use donations of gently worn children's clothing: Newborn clothes through size 12 Please see Marsha Belief for more information.

**Last week's solution:**

*The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge: but fools despise wisdom and instruction. My son, hear the instruction of thy father, and forsake not the law of thy mother: for they shall be an ornament of grace unto thy head, and chains about thy neck. Proverbs 1:7-9*

**CORNERSTONE**

Unscramble the letters in each word below to reveal the passage of scripture.

NDA EHT ROLD SIDA UTON TSNA, TSHA UTOH SRONIEEDDC YM VTSRNEA OJB, TTHA TRHEE SI ONNE LKIE MIH NI EHT TRHEA, A TRPFEEC NDA NA UTRPIHG NMA, ENO TTHA TRHFEEA OGD NDA WTSHEEEC VLIE?

Solution next week

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Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son (2 John 1:9, KJV).

All the services and work of the church must be authorized by either specific or generic authority:

Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord (1 Cor. 15:58, KJV).

Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God (Eph. 5:21, KJV).

So then, my beloved, even as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who worketh in you both to will and to work, for his good pleasure. Do all things without murmurings and questionings: that ye may become blameless and harmless, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom ye are seen as lights in the world (Phi. 2:12-15, ASV).

(from *Shadows of Good Things*, 2010)

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