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“Eclipses and the Totality of 2017”

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[Editor's Note: Eclipse-Mania engulfed the nation this week. Indeed, such astronomical wonders ought to get our attention and serve as another reminder of the greatness and glory of our Creator. "The heavens declare the glory of God and the firmament showeth His handiwork" (Psm. 19:10).]

On Monday, August 21st, the entire United States was treated to the exciting experience of seeing a solar eclipse, with a total solar eclipse visible to millions along the path of totality from Oregon to South Carolina. This event was a magnificent showing of an alignment between the Earth, Moon, and Sun. At just after 9:00 a.m. PDT the partial eclipse made its debut on the Western shores of Oregon. Shortly before 4:00 p.m. EDT the Moon's remaining shadow moved off South Carolina's coastal region. The umbral shadow of totality had a 70-mile wide diameter as it made its way across the country. While the entire continental United States was able to view the eclipse to some degree, only the regions within the 70-mile swath saw a total solar eclipse.

So what causes an eclipse? Although the Sun is physically 400 times larger than the Moon, it is also 400 times farther away. The Moon is approximately 240,000 miles from Earth, while the Sun is 93 million miles away. Yet from our view on Earth, the Sun and the Moon appear to be about the same angular size. This correspondence in apparent size is why we on Earth are able to experience solar eclipses. This type of eclipse (solar) is when the Moon passes exactly through our view toward the Sun, and it blocks the Sun's light casting a shadow of darkness on Earth during the daytime.

When we consider this amazing event, we find Earth is the only planet where life can view a total solar eclipse. Mars is the only other terrestrial planet with moons. However, they are irregularly shaped and too small to eclipse the Sun. The Gas Giant planets cannot host life to view any possible eclipses. God's design of the Earth-Moon-Sun system includes the precise correspondence necessary for such a rare and unique event to occur. Humanity has made use of eclipses throughout history to mark time and probe further the details of the Sun and Moon.

(from *Apologetics Press*)

“Gender Roles and Galatians”

Rick Lawson

It can be difficult to stand for truth when it is unpopular. The world around us seems to be constantly drifting further away from God, and ignorance of the Bible is at an all-time high. Shall believers buckle and compromise when society does not like what God has taught in His holy word? Shall they go-along-to-get-along with those who want things their way instead of God’s way? Sadly, many have done just that. In the past few years, women have been featured as speakers on the Pepperdine lectureship (some who are not even Christians!) Also, churches of Christ in New York and Tennessee have recently taken on female “preaching interns.” Only in the last few years have Christians seen women preachers delivering sermons to mixed-gender audiences. There are blogs and websites devoted to forcing the false doctrine of “gender role equality” upon churches of Christ. How have things gotten to where they are, and does Galatians 3:28 remove gender roles in the Church?

“There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus.” –Galatians 3:28

In 1859, early feminist and Salvation Army co-founder, Catherine Booth wrote a pamphlet entitled *“Woman’s Right to Preach the Gospel.”* Therein she wrote of Galatians 3:28, “... in the privileges, duties, and responsibilities of Christ’s Kingdom, all differences of nation, caste, and sex are abolished...” This interpretation is identical to many modernists who seek the dissolution of biblical roles for men and women among churches of Christ. If this were a proper interpretation, it would contradict later inspired writings of the Apostle. Most biblical scholars recognize Galatians as the earliest of Paul’s inspired letters. Estimates of its date of writing range from 40-50 AD. This is understandable because the Judaizing teachers were one of the earliest threats to the Gentile churches (see Acts 15). In letters penned later, Paul would emphasize the distinct roles of men and women in the worship of the church. For instance, when women speaking out in the worship services was causing disturbance in the church at Corinth, Paul gave a clear solution: “Let your women keep silence in the churches: for it is not permitted unto them to

speak; but they are commanded to be under obedience, as also saith the law. And if they will learn anything, let them ask their husbands at home; for it is a shame for women to speak in the church” (1Cor. 14:34-35). The argument might be made that this particular circumstance could not apply to modern women preachers, but no one could deny that women preaching or teaching over men is causing disturbance among the brotherhood right now! The First Corinthian letter was written years after Galatians. Did Paul contradict himself in Galatians 3 and First Corinthians 14?

Even later Paul would write, “Let the woman learn in silence with all subjection. But I suffer not a woman to teach, nor to usurp authority over the man, but to be in silence” (1 Tim. 2:11-12). This was written in 56 or early 57 AD. This instruction was not written due to specific circumstances, but as a more general command. Consideration of the immediate context shows that the order of creation and the first sin is the reason for this restriction God placed upon womankind. This is important because it clearly shows that it is neither a lack of talent, nor cultural norms that keep women from preaching over men. To the contrary, godly women have always been extremely talented, critical to the success of the Church, and have provided leadership in many areas of work. Godly women, however, recognize the limits God has placed on them.

Examining the context of Galatians 3 is critical to understanding the true meaning of verse 28. False teachers were attempting to bind circumcision and other fragments of the Mosaic Law upon the Christians in the area of Galatia. God’s response was to remind them that those who have faith in Christ (a working obedient faith) are justified by that faith and not the Law of Moses (v. 11). Paul also showed the connection that these Gentile believers had to Abraham through Christ (v. 14), the Seed (v. 16). The law was given by God for an important purpose, and its purpose being fulfilled, man is under it no more (vs. 24-25). The culminating message of the Holy Spirit is found in verses 26 and 27: “For ye are all the

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

RECORD, WEEK of August 20, 2017

BIBLE STUDY:	180
A.M. WORSHIP:	250
P.M. WORSHIP:	155
CONTRIBUTON:	\$19,773.00

OUR SICK

Darrell Beard, grandfather of Jonathan Beard, North Mississippi Medical Center, Tupelo, critical condition.

Frances Maund, Mother of Marion Maund, will have cancer surgery Thursday at Flowers Hospital in Dothan, AL.

Maxine Meadors, sister-in-law of Kay Downey has returned to the hospital, Methodist North, Room 231.

Buster Rogers will have a biopsy Wednesday.

Patty Smith, sister of Joyce Phillips, is suffering from pericarditis, Methodist Germantown, ICU.

HOMEBOUND

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

Helen Palazola is currently at Memphis Jewish Home, Room 112.

ILL AT HOME: Joe Baxter, T.J. Clarke, Allan Hart, Ruth House, and Jim Woody.

REQUESTED PRAYERS: Johnathan Hanel

PLEASE CHECK YOUR BOX!

HEARTS AND HANDS

TEAM "A" (PAUL CONNELL) will receive assignments the week of August 27.

UPCOMING EVENTS

NEW CLASSES TO BEGIN Wednesday, August 23:
Auditorium: *A Glorious Church* taught by Barry Grider.

Room 201 (Education Bldg.): *Studies in Proverbs* taught by Tom Wacaster.

YOUNG ADULT CANOE TRIP Saturday, August 26.
 Cost is \$20. See Robert Berch for more information.

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, August 27.

JC's BACK TO SCHOOL BASH: Sunday, August 27 following the afternoon service at the home of Jason and Leah White. See bulletin board for more details.

UPCOMING LADIES AND MEN'S CLASSES

On Tuesday, September 12 at 10:00 a.m. our Ladies and Men's classes will once again meet in our respective locations inside the Forest Hill auditorium building. The ladies will continue their study of Wendell Winkler's book *How to Live Right in a World Gone Wrong*. The men will continue their study of Tom Holland's book *Blessed Assurance*. If you have not been a part of these classes in the past, please plan on joining us. We are looking forward to our time together this fall and any newcomers will be welcome. I am confident you will find these classes edifying, encouraging, and sometimes entertaining. Often we enjoy breakfast at Cracker Barrel before classes begin and sometimes we have donuts to consume and we always have some coffee brewed. Occasionally the ladies and men will come together to pray as sincere, faithful brethren lead us in these prayers on behalf of one another, the church, and the nation. Mark your calendars and be a part of these special Tuesday mornings.

Barry

Last week's solution:

Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time: Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you. 1 Peter 5:6-7

CORNERSTONE

Scryptogram: Each letter in the passage is replaced with another.

ZUX HK IZRG KD AZFF, KOZK, ZF KOGE JGUK HU KOG JZE, Z IGQKZHU RZU FZHX TUKD OHR, VDQX, H JHVV SDVVDJ KOGG JOHKOGQFDGPGQ KODT WDGFK. ZUX CGFTF FZHX TUKD OHR, SDNGF OZPG ODVGF, ZUX YHQXF DS KOG ZHQ OZPG UGFKF; YTK KOG FDU DS RZU OZKO UDK JOGQG KD VZE OHF OGZX.

J=W Solution next week. S=F

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children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ.” What a beautiful and important thought! Then as now, those who obey the gospel through faith and are baptized into Jesus Christ have become children of God. When Paul penned verse twenty-eight, it was not to remove distinctions between men and women, any more than he removed every possible difference between Jew and Gentile, or masters and slaves. The truth he revealed is that in Christ, all are to recognize the value of every soul, and view one another as part of one great spiritual family in Christ. Similar language is found in many other passages. Please study Galatians 5:6, Romans 10:12, 1 Corinthians 12:13, and Colossians 3:11, just to name a few.

The proper roles for male and females in the church have been determined and described by God through His divine Word. Men are to serve as elders (1 Tim. 3:1-2) and deacons (1Tim 3:12). Preaching over men in a mixed audience is restricted to men only (1 Tim. 2:12). The church can allow neither the modern attitudes of feminism, nor ungodly liberalism, to tamper with God’s plan. His plan is perfect, because He is perfect. When man tampers with perfection, he only diminishes or destroys it. May God’s people always respect His restrictions, glorify His name, and obey His divine plan!

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