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### Matthew 6:28-30

And why do you worry about clothes? See how the flowers of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith?



# "MAY FLOWER POWER"

- **MOTHERS DAY 3<sup>RD</sup> Sunday** – Fellowship moved to 18th
- **FELLOWSHIP MENU 18<sup>th</sup>** – Salads Hot & Cold Any Kind!
- **SCHOOL OUT MAY 21<sup>ST</sup>** – Some Glad – Some Sad! – Some Graduate!
- **WORK TOGETHER** – Mark 2:3-12 Everyone's responsibility to **CARRY OUT!**
- **REFRESHING WORD** – "DO THIS TEST" 1 JOHN 4:1

Dear friends, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world. Do they follow Col 3:17? (Read)

## "Neutral people are the devil's allies"

**Easter Egg Hunt** – HG had a great bunch of little children that were "excited, cheerful, happy, gleeful, charming, sparkling, bright, festive, delighted, thrilled, and overjoyed" even though the hunt was inside due to the rain. **Peter Cottontail** Peter Rabbit, unhappy at his plain-sounding name, briefly changed his name to Peter Cottontail because he felt it made him sound more important. He began putting on airs to live up to his important-sounding name, but after much teasing from his friends, soon returned to his original name, because, as he put it, "There's nothing like the old name after all. Who came up with the myth of an egg-laying hare? No one really knows. According to the American Heritage Center & Museum in Iowa, it might have derived from an older legend about a poor woman who decorated eggs to surprise her children; they couldn't believe the eggs came from a regular chicken and wondered if it might have been the work of a nearby hare. Hares also give birth to their young above ground in grass-lined depressions, which could appear something like a bird nest. It's not hard to imagine someone inspired to imagine—or tricked into believing—that hares were laying eggs. **Raymond** - Hospitalizes once again- back home and doing much better. **Toni** - Her father had neck surgery in Dallas & has been with him.

**Shelia & Dale** – Shelia headaches & other issues/Dale giving eulogy at aunt's funeral in Riley, TN. **"April showers bring May flowers, but they also bring mud and wet shoes."** **Sharon** – Spring cold among other things, and missed all the little kids having the time of their life. **Gas Thieves** - Wednesday nite class had their gas tanks siphon. **God's religion** - Is unique and has few followers Being unpopular, and in the minority must

never deter those who value their souls from doing what is godly and right. Victory does not belong to the multitudes who choose to follow the creeds of men and worldly philosophy, but to those who choose to follow the Lord are guided by his word. **"May flowers are pretty, but have you ever met my arch-nemesis... pollen?"**

LOWEST AND H  
LIFE EXPECTANCY

The country with the low expectancy at birth, as of is Zambia with 38 years. the country with the high expectancy at birth, in 20 average for the total pop is 80.7 years.



## MAJORITY

One, on God's side, is a majority

**Why** Are the Oceans Same Level of Saltine

It has taken so long for that the amount of salt added is relatively small. While the ocean has changed due to ocean, approximately 3.5 p

When a young minister still single, he preached a sermon he entitled "Raising Children." After got married and had children of his own, he changed the title of the sermon to "Suggestions for Raising Children." When his children got to be teen-agers, he stopped preaching on the subject altogether.

## AI can turn though

People with a brain disorder called aphasia struggle to understand spoken language or find the words to express what they're thinking. Scientists have found a way to help them with a "brain decoding" tool that converts their thoughts into text. The tool scans and tracks a person's brain activity. Then artificial intelligence (AI, when computers learn) matches specific brain activity to certain words or phrases, creating a "language" for that person.

It is easier to know man in man in particular.



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ancient Rome soldiers and workers employed by the state  
eived part of their wages in salt. The Latin word for 'salt' is  
trium, from which we get the word 'salary'. This is recalled in  
expression 'not worth his salt', meaning that whoever was  
ng paid was not working well enough to be worth his salary.

Not worth his salt

One mother can  
take care of ten  
children, but  
ten children  
can't take  
care of one  
mother.

The opinion of the majority is not the final proof of what is  
right.

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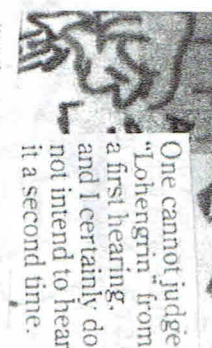
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Every man is mad on his own

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AUGMENTED  
On the periodic table  
of elements, boron—  
which is an essential  
part of plant cells and  
necessary for plant  
growth, pollination, a  
seed formation—has  
atomic number of 5



"What happens in grade two, stays  
in grade two. Right, Ms. Wesley?"



The buck  
stopped  
before it  
got here.

"Know what I hate about summer school?  
No snow days."

Though this be madness, yet there is method in it.

The prefix "penta" means five. It comes from the Greek  
word *pente*, which also means five. A pentagon is a  
five-sided shape, and a pentagram is a five-sided star.  
A pentameter is a line of poetry with five strong beats.  
A pentathlon is a sporting event with five competitions.  
A pentadactyl (such as a human!) has five digits (like  
fingers or toes) on each hand or foot.

## IF GOD DOES NOT HEAR A SINNER'S PRAYER, HOW CAN ONE CONFESS?

MANKIND

Man is equally incapable of seeing the nothingness from  
which he emerges and the infinity in which he is engulfed

Never tell people how to do things. Tell them what to do and they will surprise you with their ingenuity.



"And lately he just talks to me in  
parables."

"And lately  
parables."

A new smartwatch has lasers  
that track hand movement,  
allowing a user to control their  
devices with gestures made in  
the air. The makers of GenWatch  
said it first scans a wearer's hand  
and fingers. Then, when they tap  
or swipe in real life, it translates  
those movements into writing.  
drawing, typing, scrolling,  
tapping, or clicking.  
GenWatch, which is still in  
the developmental phase, can  
operate smart TVs, augmented  
reality glasses, and smart home  
devices like speakers. It also  
has a screen that displays the  
date, time, and battery level.

MALICE

Malice hath a strong memory.

It is true that God does not hear a sinner's prayer (John 9:31). Those  
who are not children of God do not have the privilege of prayer. In fact, no  
place in all the Bible is a sinner told to pray anything. Sinners are told to  
obey the Lord's will by **believing, repenting, confessing** and being  
**baptized** (Acts 2:38); THEN (as Christians) they have the privilege of  
prayer.

When we say God does not hear a sinner's prayer, we're talking about  
the fact that God does not hear it in regards to granting the petition of that  
prayer. Obviously, since God is all-knowing, he hears and knows all things.  
Nothing is hidden from him. God knows us to the very marrow of our  
bones and that *"...all things are naked and opened unto the eyes of him with  
whom we have to do"* (Hebrews 4:12-13). If God did not know these things,  
he could not be a righteous judge. Everything we've **done** and **said** will be  
revealed at the judgment (II Corinthians 5:10).

On the other hand, the Bible is clear when it says that only those who  
are Christians have the promise that God will hear and answer their  
prayers. *"And whatsoever we ask, we receive of him, because we keep his  
commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in his sight"* (I John  
3:22). *"And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing  
according to his will, he heareth us"* (I John 5:14). *"The effectual fervent  
prayer of a righteous man availeth much"* (James 5:16). *"For the eyes of the  
Lord are over the righteous, and his ears are open unto their prayers: but  
the face of the Lord is against them that do evil"* (I Peter 3:12).

Saul of Tarsus prayed fervently for three days but it did not save him  
(Acts 9:11). He was a lost miserable man that was still in his sins when  
Ananias came to him and taught him what he must do to be saved. Ananias  
said, *"...arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins"* (Acts 22:16). In  
effect, Ananias told Saul to stop praying and to be baptized to wash away  
his sins. Confession of faith in Christ comes before baptism. It is a step in  
the process of obedience (Romans 10:9-10). God hears it because he has  
commanded it. Are you ready to repent, confess and be baptized?

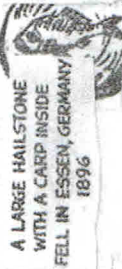
If you command wisely, you'll be obeyed cheerfully.



ACCORDING TO OFFICIAL  
U.S. STATISTICS  
THERE ARE EXACTLY  
**23,559**  
DIFFERENT WAYS OF  
MAKING A LIVING IN  
THE U.S.

## Nous

In English 'nous' is one of several common words for 'intelligence' and 'understanding'. It has the same associations with the mind and intellect in Greek from which it was incorporated directly into English.



yesterday!"  
"I know," the electrician replied. "I rang three times. There was no answer, so I thought you must be out."

A WOMAN saw an electrician walking up her drive and rushed to the door.  
"Why did you come today?" she barked.  
"You were supposed to repair the doorbell."

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**Kathy** - We had the best weekend ever! Went to my sister Ronda's house in Normal Il. She had a knee replacement 3 weeks ago. My aunt & uncle came over Sat nite. Hadn't seen them in 3years. Only relatives I have left on my Mom's side & they are nearly 90yrs old. Lots of stories & laughter. Their advice " just keep moving". On Sunday we visited the Church of Christ in Normal. Found several people we met 40 years ago visiting another church. All of us knew we'd met. None of us remembered the names but they remembered we lived in Broken Arrow! The church was packed. Only about 10 empty seats. Strong Bible based lesson & worship. Preacher was maybe 30 years old. Lots of visiting before & after service. My only disappointment was my sister changed her mind about attending with us at the last minute. The preacher gave us his cell phone number to give to her with instructions to call him if she needed anything. We also met my newest great niece. She is now a healthy beautiful 3 months old with no signs of her rocky start in life. Last nite my sister from Washington Il came to visit. A perfect weekend!!!

**Moon's Importance** The reason for the earth having a large moon and having it at the distance it is from earth is becoming better understood. It turns out that the size of the moon is critical to having life on earth and to the stability of the earth. The moon orbits the earth at an average distance of 238,600 miles, but every year it gets 1.6 inches farther away. The reason this happens instead of the moon being pulled closer to the earth is because of tides. The high and low tides, combined with earth's rapid rotation on its axis, adds energy to the moon's orbit pushing it slowly away from us instead of pulling it into us. The size of the moon also keeps our days at the length they are. If the moon were less massive our days might be as short as 15 hours. Perhaps the major effect is the stability of our planet. Mars wobbles dramatically on its axis producing wild swings in climates because it has no significant moon (only two very small ones). The rotational stability of our planet is produced by the moon's gravitational lock on the planet. *It is important to follow the laws of grammar. Rules is rules.*

GIVE A MAN a fish and you will feed him for the day. Teach a man to fish and he's going to spend a fortune on gear he'll use twice a year.

THE PEACOCK  
EMBLEM OF KRISHNA  
IS SACRED TO  
250,000,000  
HINDUS



A CENSUS TAKER asked a woman her age.  
"Well," she replied, "let me think. I was 18 when I married, and he was 30. He is now 60, or twice as old as he was then, so I am now 36."



I cannot give you the formula for success, but I can give you the formula for failure—which is: Try to please everybody.



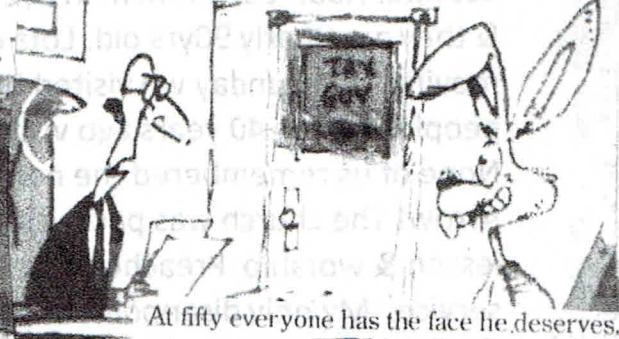
"Can't you just once give me the money without your 'Root of All Evil' sermon?"

ARE YOU SURE ITS SAFE TO DRINK THIS STUFF

WELL, WELL, WELL... I See YOU'VE HIDDEN SEVERAL THOUSAND EGGS IN AN OFFSHORE BASKET...

There are two kinds of men who never amount to much: Those who cannot do what they are told, and those who can do nothing else.

Often a silent face has voice and words.



At fifty everyone has the face he deserves.

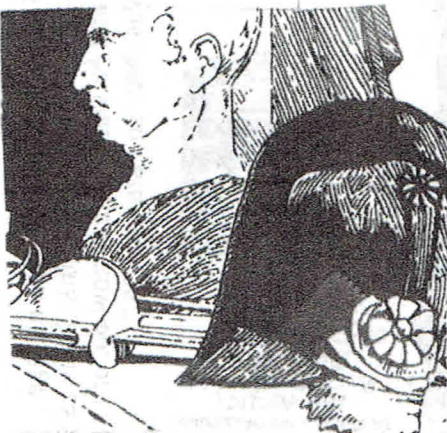
## ARE WE SAVED BY CONFESSING CHRIST?

**Yes!** Jesus said in Matthew 10:32-33, "*Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven. But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father which is in heaven.*" This is also made clear in Romans 10:9-10, "*If thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shall believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.*"

John 12:42-43 speaks of some who refused to confess Christ. "...Among the chief rulers also many believed on him; but because of the Pharisees they did not confess him, lest they should be put out of the synagogue: For they loved the praise of men more than the praise of God." This proves "faith only" will not save. Anyone who believes but refuses to confess Christ, not only in word but also in deed, cannot expect to be saved at the judgment!

Confession saves, but by itself, is not sufficient. It is eternally tragic that denominational preachers deceive people by declaring that all one has to do is confess that Jesus is their personal savior and they will be saved. There is no such doctrine taught in the Bible! Confession IS essential to salvation, but it is certainly not all one has to do. One must also have **faith** (John 8:24; Hebrews 11:6), **repent** of sins (Luke 13:3; Acts 2:38), and be **baptized** for the forgiveness of sins (Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38; I Peter 3:21). There is no "one thing" by itself that men must believe or do in order to be saved. The Bible nowhere reveals all that is required of men for salvation in just one verse. If so, where?

When the man from Ethiopia was taught concerning Christ, we read, "...they came unto a certain water: and the eunuch said, See, here is water; **what doth hinder me to be baptized?** And Philip said, If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God" (Acts 8:36-37). He understood clearly that water baptism stood between him and having his sins washed away. The only thing lacking to be baptized was his confession. What a beautiful picture of one obeying the Gospel to the salvation of his soul.



Napoleon as Emperor of France left his mark in history at many places. Even his hat, last worn by him in 1815, set a world record for the highest price ever paid for a chapeau—\$29,471.

### Silent Partner:

In the Kapsiki tribe of Africa, a wealthy person who dies is given a head start on the good life that Kapsikis believe a person of standing should live in the next world. The village blacksmith hoists the corpse onto his shoulders and gives it dancing lessons that last for hours!

### FAILURE

The line between failure and success is so fine that we scarcely know when we pass it; so fine that we are often on the line and do not know it.

Half the failures in life arise from pulling in one's horse is leaping. He who never fails will never grow rich.



**WHAT DID THE MOTHER turkey** say to her disobedient children? "If your father could see you now, he'd turn over in his grave."

band, "if you'll admit I'm right." He agreed and like a gentleman, insisted she go first. "I'm wrong," she said. Without pausing, he responded, "You're right!"

**A HUSBAND AND WIFE** were involved in a petty argument, both unwilling to admit they might be in error. "I'll admit I'm wrong," the wife told her husband.

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**WHY ENGLISH ISN'T EASY**  
The bandage was wound around the wound.



"Assuming your golf handicap checks out, the job's all yours!"

**ILLUSIONISTS** There are two basic different kinds of magicians. One is the person who uses illusions to claim supernatural powers and mystic abilities for themselves or someone else. The second is a person who says flat out that this is a trick or illusion, but just enjoy it because I am not going to explain it to you. Thanks to Harry Potter and other children's fiction some people are convinced that mystical powers are real and in the possession of certain individuals. The Bible has always warned man not to get involved with such things. Harry Houdini was a magician who did incredible illusions, but did it for fun and entertainment and said outright that what he did was a trick.

**"ANSWERS IN GENESIS" EXPANDS** Several years ago a Ken Ham built a "Creation Museum" in Petersburg, Kentucky. The multimillion-dollar facility promotes a view of history with dinosaurs and humans living together in harmony. The museum has attracted 1.2 million visitors in its first three years and has moved the leadership of the museum to incorporate as a profit-making company that plans to build an "Ark Encounter" 45 miles south of the Creation Museum site. This will be a \$150 million theme park with an ark replica built by Amish builders using wooden pegs and framing. It will have miniature live animals on it, including miniature giraffes. The park will have a 100 foot Tower of Babel, a Middle East village from the first century, a reenactment of the 10 plagues and parting of the Red Sea, and many other things. The state of Kentucky is planning to help fund the project with a \$37.5 million grant from the Tourism Development Act, because the park plans to employ 900 people and will attract 1.6 million visitors.

**WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE** between investment bankers and pigeons? Well, pigeons can still make deposits on new BMWs.

"Well, do you feel \$78,000 smarter?"

**A spouse is someone who'll stand by you through all the trouble you wouldn't have had if you'd stayed single.**

- The farm was used to produce produce.
- The dump was so full it had to refuse more refuse.
- A bass was painted on the head of the bass drum.
- I did not object to the object.
- The insurance was invalid for the invalid.
- They were too close to the door to close it.
- The wind was too strong to wind the sail.



"We can barely afford to live beyond our means anymore."



"We were going over some of your returns from a past life, and ..."

**"I come from a family where gravy is considered a beverage."**