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Whited Sepulchers

A few years ago I saw a documentary on *A & E Biography* chronicling the life of noted gangster Al Capone. This show brought back to mind an event which occurred in 1986. There was a lot of excitement concerning the opening of a vault found in the basement of a building which allegedly contained items surrounding the life of noted gangster Al Capone. Many hoped to find money along with other items. The possibilities were publicized for days preceding the opening. What marvelous treasures had been left behind by those who had hidden them for safe keeping years ago?

The opening of the vault was carried live on television. A large percentage of the nation was watching. Imaginations were running rampant. When finally opened, the vault left all who expected untold treasures greatly disappointed. It contained only dirt and a few bottles. It did not contain the riches people expected.

Are our lives like that vault? When seen from the outside,

they look as if they contain valuable Christian attributes, but when opened, they are full of characteristics that are shameful and detrimental to Christian living?

Let us make sure we are full of Christian treasures outside and inside. We may be able to fool many of the people around us, but we cannot fool the Lord. Let us not be as whited sepulchers, pretty to behold, but full of dead men's bones and all uncleanness. Remember the words of Jesus in Matthew 23:25-28, ²⁵*Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye make clean the outside of the cup and of the platter, but within they are full of extortion and excess.* ²⁶*Thou blind Pharisee, cleanse first that which is within the cup and platter, that the outside of them may be clean also.* ²⁷*Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye are like unto whited sepulchres, which indeed appear beautiful outward, but are within full of dead men's bones, and of all uncleanness.* ²⁸*Even so ye also outwardly appear righteous unto men, but within ye are full of hypocrisy and iniquity.*

—Marty Edwards

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“By Inspiration of God”

Paul wrote in II Timothy 3:16, *“All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:”* The phrase in the first portion of the verse translated “given by inspiration of God” is from the single Greek word, (Theopneustos). This single Greek term is made up of two Greek words, (Theos), which means “God,” and (pneuma), which means “spirit.” The first part of this verse could have been justly translated, “All scripture is God's spirit.” *continued on next page....*

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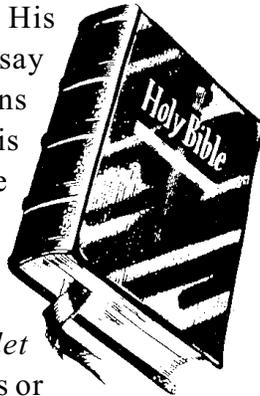
—Continue to remember **Sally Marshall, Jewell Watkins, Jean Coffey, and Alice Thrasher.**

—During the last two weeks of the year our mid-week Bible study will be on Tuesday for those two weeks (December 23, and December 30).

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Do you want to know about God and His will for us? What does the Lord have to say to us? Many claim to receive revelations and messages from God or angels, but this claim is contrary to the teachings of the Bible. Paul wrote in Galatians 1:8, "*But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed.*" There are no revelations or messages from God other than those that have been recorded in the pages of the Bible.



If you want to know about God and learn what He has to say to you, then go to the Bible. Within one book, possibly no more than a few feet from you as you read this, you have all that the Lord desires to tell you. You have every bit of information needed to avoid Hell and obtain Heaven. Turn to the scripture—it is God's spirit.

—Marty Edwards ❖

Sunday, December 7, 2014		
Classes	18	Romans 11:27-36
Preaching	21	James 4:13-17
Contribution	\$341.00	
Evening	5	Singing
Wednesday, December 10, 2014		
Classes	29	I Kings 22:1-53

Visitors— Dec 7 (AM) Ethan Borton (White House, TN)
Dec 10 (Wed) Madison Gaddie (Munfordville)

Bible Quiz

Jehoshaphat made ships to go to Ophir for what?

Last Week's Answer—begging bread (Psalm 37:25)

But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of Him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light. —I Peter 2:9



—God's Plan of Salvation—

1. Hear the Gospel (Romans 10:14)
2. Believe on the Lord and His Word (Mark 16:16; John 8:24)
3. Repent of your sins (Luke 13:3,5; Acts 17:30)
4. Confess Christ (Matthew 10:32,33; Luke 12:8; Romans 10:9)
5. Be baptized (immersed in water) for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38; Mark 16:16; Galatians 3:27; I Peter 3:21)
6. Live a faithful, dedicated life (Revelation 2:10; II Peter 1:5-10)