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I wrote the following article in May 2011. The references to “this week,” etc, are referring to 2011.



If you read any news this past week or saw many billboards, with some as close as Elizabethtown, then you know that a group proclaimed the world would end yesterday, May 21. Well, it did not and I’m not surprised.

The world will truly end someday, and it could be today, and it could have been yesterday, but, not because of any predictions in the Bible. I did take some time to read why this group was so sure the world would end yesterday, and they go through complex math and calendar calculations and statements made in the Bible they take completely out of context.

But, it doesn’t have to be complex at all. The disciples in Matthew 24 asked Jesus a two-fold question concerning the destruction of the temple and then the end of the world. Jesus gave an answer regarding things they would see regarding the destruction of the temple and then he answered the second part of their question, as to when would be the end of the world.

Jesus answered very plainly and simply in Matthew 24:36, “*But of that day and hour knoweth no [man], no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only.*”

There are many passages that teach when Jesus does return it will be suddenly and unexpected and as a thief in the night, who certainly doesn’t announce his arrival. The Bible is plain concerning this, yet people are lead astray due to false teaching that is not in the Bible.

What is also sad is that much of the mainstream news and Internet sights are referencing this and mildly seem to be making fun of the predictions, and understandably so. They’ve seen the end of the world predicted so many times in the past, they assume the predictions will once again prove wrong.

It is hurtful to those preaching the plain simple truths of the Bible to have these false teachers making headlines because people far removed from the Bible will naturally assume that all people who follow the LORD are like these false teachers, and indeed we are not.

Not only did this false teaching occur this past week, but, there were other things I saw just this past week alone with really drives home the point that we are not of this world.

Time and space in this bulletin does not permit me to discuss these at detail, but, they suffice to show how far the world is move from the LORD.

A very popular singer was making news due to a video parody of her portraying a woman of the Bible with overtly very sinful lyrics and innuendos.

A girl who is now a boy was making all the talk show rounds with lavish praise being thrown upon her for her lifestyle, etc.

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Sunday 9 AM & 6 PM — Wednesday 6 PM

News

—Continue to remember **Sally Marshall, Jewell Watkins, Jean Coffey, Alice Thrasher, and Steve Seaton. Shirley Parson** has had a lot of pain with kidney stones. **Ali Rose Duncan** has a fracture in her foot. **Larry Compton** had a procedure

done on his eye this past Wednesday in Nashville. The procedure went well. He might not be able to be back with us for up to six weeks due to not driving. He is currently staying at his daughter's in White House, Tennessee.

—**Mike Burd** last Sunday morning made his desire to confess and repent of sins and be recognized with the Munfordville congregation. Mike attended here often as a youth and was baptized at Fairview in the 1970s. We are thankful for his decision.

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One of the world's most renowned scientists said, "There is no Heaven." This in and of itself is no surprise, but, what is more surprising is that is made headline news on a very mainstream Internet site.

I saw on a very respected and much read computer news site a drawing that "looked like" so many of the drawings people see of Jesus. It had this person drinking liquor and smoking and wearing sunglasses. And, all week, as in every week, I heard the LORD's name used in vain.

All these events, and so many more like them make me think upon the passage when Jesus was praying in John 17:16, "*They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.*" We truly are not of this world. We are here, and in it, but we are strangers in a strange land. The writer in Psalm 137:4 asked, "*How shall we sing the LORD'S song in a strange land?*" How can we set ourselves apart spiritually in this strange land and world that we are not part of?

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Sunday, May 10, 2015		
Classes	19	I Corinthians 6:1-11
Preaching	26	Mothers Day (II Chronicles 22 & 23)
Contribution	\$384.00	
Evening	21	Psalms 73:1-28
Wednesday, May 13, 2015		
Classes	20	II Kings 20:1-21

Visitors—
May 10 (PM) Nicole Kline (Rowletts, KY)
May 13 (Wed) Nicole Kline (Rowletts, KY)

Bible Quiz

The Psalmist would be guided by the LORD's counsel and afterward received to what?

Last Week's Answer— Truth (Psalm 146:6)

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Jesus had the answer in the next verse. John 17:17 says, "*Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.*" To "sanctify" means to set apart. We set ourselves apart from this world and sanctify ourselves to the LORD by the His word. Our study, obedience, and continual following of it will cause use to survive our time in this "strange land" and make it home to be gathered to our people as we are told Abraham did in Genesis 25:8 and others following him.

—Marty Edwards❖

—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)