

THE INFORMER

Church of Christ ~ New Albany, Mississippi

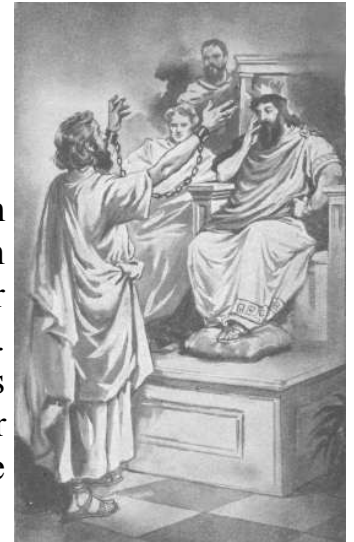
www.nacoc.org

April 5, 2011

Agrippa's Confrontation with the Gospel

Mike King

We wonder what it was that made the apostle Paul so ineffective with teaching Agrippa the gospel. Agrippa was the king over a small section of Palestine. He had journeyed to Caesarea to extend welcome, or "salute" Festus who had recently replaced Felix as the Roman governor. Agrippa knew the Jewish customs and laws. He wanted to hear Paul's case when told by Festus (Acts 25:13-22). Festus arranged a hearing for Paul and Agrippa. Had he not appealed, he could have been set free (Acts 26:32).



Paul began by expressing his gratitude for being allowed to come before someone knowledgeable of the Jewish customs and laws (Acts 26:2-3). He made his defense and stated that he had lived openly before his brethren. He was not only a Jew, but of the strictest sect, a Pharisee. His kinsmen could bear witness to his loyalty to the law and customs of the Jews. Paul was being charged for believing in the promises made by God to Israel (v. 6). He believed the same things of his forefathers; if guilty, his Jewish ancestry was guilty because they had longed for the Messiah, but not ready to accept Him yet. The Pharisees rejected the idea that Jesus was the long awaited Messiah. The Sadducees rejected His teaching of the resurrection (Acts 23:6; 24:21). He had been a former persecutor of believers (Acts 26:8-12), but became converted (26:12-19). Festus accused him of being mad, so Paul appealed to Agrippa (26:27-29). Paul almost persuaded him to become a Christian.

Agrippa's refusal to obey was not the fault of Paul or the message. Paul was direct with him, "why Agrippa?" He had heard eye-witnesses of the resurrection of Jesus testify, but still rejected the word as men do today (Rom. 1:16; 10:17; Jas. 1:21). The seed in Agrippa's case had fallen by the wayside and never, to our knowledge, took root (Mk. 4:10-15). The outcome remains the same today as then, anyone who rejects Jesus, whether king or commoner, is lost (Jn. 8:24)!

We conjecture that Agrippa may have been lost because of his neglect in obeying what he had learned to be truth. The gospel is mighty and powerful, but limited in its influence when thwarted by the hardness of a human heart. God could overpower man's desire, control his emotions and force obedience to Him. This would be intrusive of God and manipulative to man. God wants us to want Him and be drawn to Him out of our deep love, respect, and desire to please Him.

Spring Gospel Meeting

New Albany church of Christ

April 17th-20th

Speaker:

Jim Chamblee



Topic: “Charting Our Course to Heaven”

Worship Schedule:

April 17th: Sunday AM Bible Class 9:30 AM

Potluck Meal – 12:00 Noon

Sunday AM Worship - 10:30 AM

Sunday PM Worship - 7:30 PM

April 18th: Monday PM Worship - 7:00 PM

April 19th: Tuesday PM Worship - 7:00 PM

April 20th: Wednesday PM Worship - 7:00 PM

YOUTH NEWS

- West Main Church of Christ will host a Christian Leadership Training Day for 7th-12th grade guys and girls Saturday, April 9th from 9:00am-2:00 pm.
- Area Wide Youth Meeting will be held Sunday night, April 10th @ the Gloster St. Church of Christ. The Van will leave at 5:45pm.
- Thanks to all who helped in any way with the Senior Bible Bowl that was held here this past Sunday. This was the final bowl of the season. Thanks to *Dan Cobb* and *Sarah Walker* for working with the senior group and to *Greg Clayton* and other parents for helping with the Junior Bible Bowl. We appreciate You!

PRAYER LIST

Cheryl Turner, a great niece of *Miriam Styers* and *J.L. Eaton* is scheduled to have liver surgery at UT Hospital in Memphis on April 18th.

Shelly Coleman Trout, is suffering from cancer. She is the daughter of *George* and *Arhonda Coleman* (owners of *George's* restaurant in New Albany). They have requested prayers.

Earnestine McKinney, mother of *Perry Jones* is not doing well at this time.

Harvey Jones, a relative of *Alvin Parks*, was seriously injured in an automobile accident over the weekend.



Continual Prayer

Willie Jackson, Bob Clement, David Harendt, Ed Walker, Joey Black, Brian Camp, Maxine McCarley, Hugh Collins, Shane Crotts, Bill King, Terry Young

Shut-Ins

Lessie Bryant, Jean Drummond, Billy Joe Garner, Laura Mae Harris, Belle Cross, Pauline Smith, Raymond & Amy Vest

Nursing Home/Assisted Living:

Corrine Hall, Anna Davis & Mattie Golden

Military List:

David Wilhite, Barry Wilhite, Jimmie Stutts, Tiffany Erwin, Aaron Raines, Michelle Ham, Raegan Cole

SAGE ADVICE

Never give the devil a ride... He will always want to drive.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

April 11.....Teresa Clark

April 13.....Brad Pounders

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

April 07.....Randy & Christy Wall

REJOICE!

We are happy to report that *Eric Dunn* was baptized into Christ Tuesday afternoon, March 30th. *Eric* is the husband of *Stacie Cobb Dunn*. On Sunday, April 3, *Stacie* responded to the invitation asking for forgiveness of wrongs in her life and for the prayers of the Church that she might be a better Christian wife and mother. Please continue to pray for this young couple as they strive to live their lives for Christ. Their address is: 207 Butler Ave. New Albany, MS 38652

LADIES NIGHT OUT

Ladies night out is scheduled for Tuesday, April 12 at O'Charley's in Tupelo. We will meet at the restaurant at 6:30pm. If you would like to ride the van be at the building by 6:00pm. Please sign the list in the foyer if you plan to attend.

AREA EVENTS

- **Ladies Day @ Hwy 15 Pontotoc Church of Christ, April 9th.**
- **Ladies Day @ Hwy 178 Church of Christ New Albany, April 16th.**
- **Six State Singing, April 16th @ Southwind Church of Christ in Memphis.**
- **Ladies Day @ East Main Church of Christ, April 30th.**

OUR RECORD

Sunday School.....	119
Sunday A.M	136
Sunday P.M	98
Wednesday	107
Contribution	\$3,803.50
Budget	\$3,455.70

TO SERVE

Scripture.....	Ruston Adams
A.M. Prayer.....	Richard Adams
Closing Prayer.....	Matt Jennings
P.M. Prayer.....	Jerry Gibson
Closing.....	J.L. Eaton
Wed.4/13.....	Dan Drummond
Wed. 4/13.....	Lonnie Weaver
Usher & Lock.....	Randy Wall
Greeter.....	G & K Clayton



PANTRY ITEM:
Canned Tomatoes

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday School.....	9:30
Morning Worship	10:30
Evening Worship	6:00
Wednesday Bible Study	7:00

ELDERS

Richard Jennings	534-6671
Troy Robertson.....	534-3491

DEACONS

Bill Botts.....	316-2422
Greg Clayton.....	252-9762
Roger Clayton.....	534-5240
Andy Clemmer.....	816-5887
Harold Russell.....	534-4648
Randy Wall.....	316-9255

MINISTER

Mike King.....	507-0625
Home.....	534-6872
Office.....	534-4649

PARABLE OF THE WORKERS IN THE VINEYARD

(Matthew 20:1-16)

TRUE OR FALSE:

1. "Now when he had agreed with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard." **T or F**
2. "So when evening had come, the owner of the vineyard said to his steward, 'Call the laborers and give them their wages, beginning with the last to the first.'" **T or F**
3. "Is it not lawful for me to do what I wish with my own things? Or is your eye evil because I am good?" **T or F**

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORDS:

4. "And he went out about the third hour and saw others standing (**BUSY, IDLE**) in the marketplace."
5. "...and said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and whatever is (**RIGHT, WRONG**) I will give you'..."
6. "And when those came who were hired about the eleventh hour, they each received a (**DENARIUS, DIME**)."
7. "But when the first came, they supposed that they would receive (**MORE, LESS**); and they likewise received each a denarius."

UNDERLINE THE CORRECT ANSWER:

8. "again he went out about the..."
A. Sixth hour
B. Ninth hour
C. Eleventh hour
D. All of the above

THE INFORMER

April 5, 2011

Volume 14

THE INFORMER (USPS 5581-500)
Church of Christ
511 Hwy. 15 South, P.O. Box 148
New Albany, Mississippi 38652
(662)534-4649

Periodical
Postage Paid
New Albany, MS

POSTMASTER: Send address changes
(Form 3579) to: The Informer, P.O. Box
148, New Albany, MS 38652