



The Baptist Defence

“...Hear ye my defence.” Acts 22:1

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Mutual Faith

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We are challenged every day with the prospect of mutual faith. This is a faith that is shared by all brothers and sisters in Christ, and this faith becomes stronger and more established as we find ourselves agreeing in the truth of God's word.

In Romans Chapter One we find this expression in verse 11. Let us think upon this and the surrounding verses as we consider the possibility and the probability of having mutual faith. Several things must be present before we can have mutual faith, a faith that reflects God's truth.

THANKFULNESS

First of all, we must have thankfulness as mentioned in verse 8: *I thank my God through Jesus Christ for you all.* How many times do we thank God for other churches who teach and preach the precious truths of God's word and thank God for the faithfulness of pastors and the love of fellow believers in like churches? I am sure we do this too little.

I would like to find myself praying often for other churches and preachers and

individual believers who have been a blessing to me throughout my life. If I began to name these people, this article would be much too long. How can we have mutual faith with other churches and believers if we are never thankful for them?

PRAYERS

In verse 9 we read that without ceasing Paul remembers these Romans in prayer, mentioning them by name, being specific in his requests before God that God would bless these wonderful people.

He mentions in verse 10 how much he would love to come and see them and asks God to give him a good journey to be able to see them again. How do we long to be with our brethren and sister in Christ? How do we desire the companionship of other churches and the blessings of a faithful believer in Christ? We must pray for our brethren. If we do this, we will not have the time to condemn them or speak evil of them. If they are blessed in our prayers, they will be a blessing in our lives; and our attitude toward fellow brethren will

be a balm in Gilead to help us on our way when we have our own problems and need and desire others' prayers.

SPIRITUAL GIFTS

We do not all have wonderful and gracious gifts to offer to others, but we should covet the best gifts (1 Cor. 12:31). We should never refuse to offer whatever gifts we have to help the Kingdom of God. We give our gifts first to our own church, because that is our first obligation; but these gifts can be shared with other churches, extending and promoting this mutual faith in Christ.

For churches of like faith and order, the faith is the same as ours; so why not share our gifts with them, whether that be the gift of singing, leadership, teaching, preaching, etc.

BEING A DEBTOR

Just as Paul owed something to the Romans, so we all owe something to both the Greeks and the Barbarians, both to the wise and to the unwise. This debt of Paul came from his calling of

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Church Service Schedule

Sunday School . . .	10:00 AM
Preaching	11:00 AM
Choir	5:00 PM
Sunday Even.	6:00 PM
Wednesday Even.	7:00 PM
Wed. Bible Club .	7:00 PM

Be sure to come to Sunday School and church next Sunday.

ANTIOCH BAPTIST COLLEGE

If you are graduating from high school this year, consider taking some classes at Antioch Baptist College. If you have not decided whether you are going to college or not for a career, or if you want to become solid in Bible truths before you start a secular college, consider taking classes that will strengthen you in your Biblical faith and prepare you for that which will confront you when you do begin your college in a secular school.

Without this knowledge you may become victim to the peril that has affected so many of our college students: the humanistic teachers will bombard you with anti-biblical and carnal knowledge that may cripple you in your Christian walk.

At Antioch we believe the Bible is God's word and that everyone needs to be grounded in it. Classes at Antioch focus attention on the basic truths of the Bible and will prepare you for what lies ahead.

You may contact us at (513) 314-9396 or contact Bro. Ronnie Wolfe at (513) 236-1172.

Get ahead of the game; enroll this Fall.

Mutual Faith *Cont.*

God to be an apostle to the Gentiles.

Let us be faithful to pay our debit of the gospel to everyone. We owe more to our sister churches than we realize, and this mutual faith should strengthen our bonds together.

BE READY

Paul was ready to preach the gospel to the Romans, which we should also be ready to do, whether that is through our own church or in helping other churches to spread the Good News of God grace.

"As much as in me is" means that Paul was going to give everything he had, every impartment of knowledge, every whim and whiff about him, and all of his strength to preach the gospel; because he knew that the gospel is the power of God unto salvation (Rom. 1:16).

We should always be ready to give of ourselves to the Master and to fellow believers and sister churches. This will strengthen our mutual faith.

BE NOT ASHAMED

In order to promote mutual faith and encourage our brothers and sisters in Christ, we must not be ashamed of our message of

the gospel. We must be willing and anxious to preach to every creature the unsearchable riches of this grace and this gospel.

No mutual faith can exist without a mutual trust in the only gospel that will save the sinner: the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ, his shed blood, his perfect character, and his intercession.

CONCLUSION

No one has a franchise on the gospel; it is a message that is given in the word of God for all who are faithful to the truths of God's word.

Our church is not the only church that preaches the gospel and stands for "the faith." This is a mutual faith, and it belongs to all who will believe it, receive it, and preach it.

My prayers and encouragement go out to all of our sister churches that preach and teach without apology the genuine gospel of Jesus Christ.

Let us be knowledgeable of our mutual faith and pray for one another that God might strengthen us in our cause, paving the road for a positive future with mutual faith and mutual love one for the other. The world is laughing at our fighting one against the other. Let us be strong in our mutual faith

and *Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you:*

With our mutual faith we can accomplish much for the Kingdom of God and perhaps see many people trust Jesus Christ as personal Savior.

Churches of like faith and order
Is what they all used to say,
Now it's "All come together"
And join the Ecumenical fray.

Fight against "old fashioned"
And carry the torch for our blend.
It matters not what your faith is;
Just come, and bow, and bend.

You believe in your thing,
And I'll believe in mine.
We'll go ahead of the mainstream
And leave our doctrines behind.

Churches of like faith and order
Have a mutual faith to believe
In just what the Bible orders
And nothing else to receive.

By this we have a mutual love
With which we share our sorrows
And comfort one another thus
For many great tomorrows.

Romans 1:12 *That is, that I may be comforted together with you by the mutual faith both of you and me.*

Youth Page



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Complete the puzzle to find out who helps us understand the Bible, God's Word.

1. talking to God
2. Jesus is the way to _____
3. God's Word
4. What Jesus shed
5. Jesus died for our _____
6. The author of the Bible
7. To do as you are told
8. We must _____ in the Lord for salvation.
9. God's Son
10. Jesus Died on a _____

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I hope this page will be a blessing to the young people. I know they like to learn, and I know they like to learn with puzzles and other hands-on items.

I encourage young people to write to me asking questions or giving me ideas for this page. You may also visit our church web site at

www.firstharrison.org.

Thank you for taking the time to read The Baptist Defence.

The letters that are in the shadow boxes will give you the answer.

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Eccl. 1:12 I the Preacher was king over Israel in Jerusalem. 13 And I gave my heart to seek and search out by wisdom concerning all things that are done under heaven: this sore travail hath God given to the sons of man to be exercised therewith. 14 I have seen all the works that are done under the sun; and, behold, all is vanity and vexation of spirit.



EARLY REMINDER

This is an early reminder that our VBS week will be June 16-20, 2008.

We are excited about the "Dino Detectives" curriculum. Everyone needs to know more about the

creation of the world, since the scientific world is challenging the creation story.

Come and find out how the world came into existence and how a holy and gracious God made the universe for man to live in. Praise him with songs, and learn from the lessons and the fun crafts that we will have.

If you have any questions about VBS, please do not hesitate to call the church office at (513) 367-6713. The office is open Monday, Wednesday, and Friday each week from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM.

We are looking forward to many of the young people of our area being here and learning about this great subject of dinosaurs and how they came to be and why they no longer exist.

The VBS will meet each evening, June 16-20, from 6:30 - 8:30 PM. Join us for a great experience of learning and fun.

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