

Privileged to Serve

PreacherBill Collins
 Announcements..... Bruce Clopton
 Song Leader Tom Fair
 Attendance Terry Dyer/Jacob King

Morning

Scripture/Opening Prayer..... Charles Dooley
 Lord's Supper

Presiding
 * Randy Rives

Assisting

Terry Dyer * *Byron Madison
 Stan Raley * *Ralph Hubbard

Closing Prayer Eugene White

Evening

Opening Prayer.....Randy Rives
 Lord's Supper

Terry Dyer * * Byron Madison
 Closing Prayer Byron Madison

Communion Preparation

Month of JulySabrina Collins
 Month of August.....NEED VOLUNTEER

Nursery Attendant; Backup

July 16..... Lara King; Katie Agan
 July 23.....Katie Agan; Angela Duncan

Service Times

SUNDAY

Bible Study 9:00 a.m.
 Morning Worship 10:00 a.m.
 Evening Worship 5:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Bible Study 6:00 p.m.

Elders

ANDY DUNCAN..... (662) 416-2222
 TOM FAIR..... (601) 681-8293

Deacons

LAMAR KING..... (601) 604-2656
 BUILDING/GROUNDS
 BYRON MADISON (601) 934-1213
 YOUTH
 RANDY RIVES..... (601) 513-4785
 EDUCATION & WORSHIP
 ALBERT ST. CLAIR..... (601) 626-7815

Preacher

BILL COLLINS..... (337) 515-2385

Works Supported

Robert Martin
 Stacey Ferguson
 South Pacific Missions
 Pine Vale Children's Home
 Corinth, Mississippi

Attendance Last Week

Sunday Bible Class	25
Sunday Morning Worship	78
Sunday Evening Worship	21
Wednesday Bible Study	18

Contributions & Other Income

Contribution Last Week	\$ 2,377.00
Contribution Prior Week	\$ 2,119.00

Daily Bible Readers

July 9, 2017 * = % of attending
 *Figures Unavailable



July 16, 2017 ~ Meridian Messenger ~ Welcome Visitors!

WHAT DOES “MY JUDGMENT” MEAN IN 1 CORINTHIANS 7:25, 40?

Please explain the phrase, “my judgment” in 1 Corinthians 7:25 and 40. How could Paul be giving his opinion and also be inspired of God?

Some translations (such as the NASV) render the word judgment in this passage as “opinion.” There are others as well. Most speak of this “judgment.” But whether we use the word “judgment” or “opinion,” we are basically faced with the same question. Was Paul giving personal advice to these Corinthians? Was Paul stating his opinion? And if so, how can that be inspired of God?

In order to correctly understand God's word, one of the things that we need to remember is that there are several recorded statements in the Bible of uninspired people. For example, when Satan said to Eve, “Thou shalt not surely die,” it was a lie. Note also that in Matthew 4:1-11 we find Satan tempting Jesus and uttering words. These are the words of Satan. Are they inspired? These lies that Satan spoke are recorded in the Bible, but that doesn't mean that just because it is recorded in the Bible that the statement itself is true. It is recorded that Satan spoke it; that is, the fact of his making the statement is true and we can be sure of that, but the statements themselves are falsehoods spoken by Satan. So for something to be inspired doesn't guarantee the truthfulness of quoted statements of others within the Bible. Inspiration merely guarantees the truthfulness that those statements were spoken by the person the Bible claimed to speak.

Similarly, sometimes in the Bible, we find opinions given by men. For example, in the case of Paul's trial before Agrippa, Agrippa thought that Paul should have been set free (Acts 26:32). That was certainly Agrippa's opinion, but it is recorded for us in the scriptures. Acts 26:32 is inspired in that it portrays an accurate representation of Agrippa's opinion. We are guaranteed by God that these were the historical words that Agrippa said. However, the words that Agrippa spoke himself were not inspired words in and of themselves. The same could be said of Pilate and Festus as well.

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