



## Something Brand New...

**Matthew 9:16** No man putteth a piece of new cloth unto an old garment, for that which is put in to fill it up taketh from the garment, and the rent is made worse.

During my adolescent years it was common to see children wearing patches on the rear of their pants. Unlike today, this was not an attempt to make a fashion statement; it was a way for parents to extend the life of something old and worn out in hope of making it last a bit longer. I believe this is the intent of what Jesus was teaching; out of all of the parables of Christ, this one is perhaps the most descriptive illustrating the need of a new covenant between God and man. In our verse, Jesus is explaining to His Jewish audience the impossibilities of grafting together something old with something new. In other words, any attempt to patch up the law with grace would destroy both. The law was given to illustrate the holiest of God and His high standard for both moral and spiritual behavior. It's a standard that man, on his own, is unable to achieve.

There's an old saying that states, "The start of something new is the end of something old." That statement is 100% correct as it applies to scripture. Our Lord's mission was not to improve or revise the law; His mission was to fulfill every letter of the law and then become our perfect sacrifice for sin. **Romans 8:2-4** "For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death. For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh: That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit." Among many of the modern-day televangelists there seems to be a push to blend Christianity with Jewish rites, customs, and celebrations. This is not a new theology; it's been around since the beginning of the church. The Apostle Paul warned the churches of such false teaching that attempts to connect law and grace. **Galatians 3:1** "O foolish Galatians, who hath bewitched you, that ye should not obey the truth."

In **Matthew 17** Jesus took Peter, James, and John with Him to a mountaintop where He was transfigured right before their eyes. Our Lord appeared in His glorified state. Along with Him that day appeared both Moses and Elijah. Peter was so overcome by what he saw that he said, "If thou wilt, let us make here three tabernacles; one for thee, and one for Moses, and one for Elias." Peter, out of ignorance, was attempting to graft together grace, the law, and the prophets. But, before Peter could get all of his words out his mouth a bright cloud overshadowed them. "And behold a voice out of the cloud, which said, this is my beloved Son, in whom I Am well pleased; hear ye Him."

*Love and prayers.....*

*Pastor Randy J. Sheens*



*Special Prayer Requests*

Pastor Randy & Sharon Skeens, Debbie and Paul Evans, Paula Duffield, Fred, Sr. & Kathy Bradley, Donsil Mullins, Joy White, Cordella Smith, Kathy Bradley, Curtis Evans, Jr., Freddie Bradley, Jr., Kenny & Tammy Adkins, Joyce Wells, Larry Jewell, Silas Herriott, Teresa Bevins, Robert O'Bryan, Glen & Fern Kincaid, the family of Vicki Jeffrey, the family of Rev. Zane Grey, the family of Mary Meadows, Ronnie Robinette, Ashley Calandros, Doug Bell, John Baisden, Linda McGrew, Angie Slack, Jason McClung, John Turner, Mansfield Damron, John Dardi, Butch Nesbit, Allyson Tolbert, Pat Hutchinson, Melissa Brewer, Peggy Vickers, Barbara & Robert Greer, Sr., Brian Steele, Judy Steele Baisden, Patty Nelson, Rudy Noe, William Vance, Donna Williams, Libby Noe, David Giles, Roger Farmer, Arlene Hensley, Andrea Shepherd, Darrell Loggins, Ellen Wellman, Ken Frye, Chelsey Williams, Steve Grey, Nancy Adkins, Patty Turner, Mark England, Fred & Margie White, Autumn Kolovich, Josh Akers, Viola Meade's Sister, John Propst, Sr., Irene Frye, Patty & Bill Mowery, Doris Vbranch, Glen Lanthorne, James Ferrell, Laura Vaughan, Dana Furrow, Irene Furrow, Mary Ramey, Beulah & Wallace Williamson, Elbert Huffman, Joyce Glenn, Jimmy Dale & Glenna Wellman, Mark Farmer, Thomas Bradley, Willis Marcum, Emmett Frazier, Carrie Mullins, Jo Ann Scaggs, Faye Wiley, Gavin Napier, Larry Hardesty, Tommy Robinette, Betty Young, Carol & Jim Moore, Terri Rodighiero, Anna Ellis, Isabella Propst, Pam Queen, Julia Crum, Cecil & Imogene Davis, Edith Notchie, Barbara Brewster Cook, Louie & Teresa Hensley, Mavis Collins, Pete Wiley, Betty Lambert, Mary Padgett, Robbie Padgett, Phyllis Maynard, Jim & Donna Trogdon, Artsel Browning, Lucille Adkins, Sharron Adams, Jean Bannister, Belva Burke, Betty Whitman, Marlene Justice, Lillian Grake, Linda Markham, Bob & Viola Meade, Christi Meade, Lois Wooten, Jerry Samson, Sharon Samson, Ann Curry, Zeffie Brogan, Mabel Watts, Nola Walsh, Pauline Bokken, Amy Kennedy, Brenda Hensley, Carolyn Counts, Kathy O'Bryan, Skylar Miller, Jack Creger, Judy Hicks, David Hale, Jason Bradley, Janet Doss, Myrtle David, Allen David, Margaret Gore, Lana Brammer, Ronnie Dingess, Estil Jones, Martha Johnson, Ernie Bevins, Bill Davis, Gloria Farmer, Donna Perry, Larry Brown, Bobbie Propst, Jason Adkins, Steve Duty, Aaron Davis, Sherry Harrison, Ron & Peggy McClure, Joey Queen, Joann Fortner, Shannon Green, Joe & Ruth Bowery, Makayla Williams, Roger & Joann Williamson, Geraldine Butler, Vessie & Retha Marcum, Betty Wooten, David & Darelene Welch, Glen & Teresa Hager, Diana Foreman, Mildred Brammer, Madge Brammer, Billie Edmundson, Paula Adkins, David Godby, Bentlee Holbrook, Kathy Guy, Jennifer Adkins, Brad Marcum, Geraldean Adkins, Ernestine Sutherland, Sydney T. Brown, Lorene Williamson, Carrie Hale, Bennie & Kay Browning, Joe, Sr. & LaVerne Hall, Johnny Counts, Juanita Coster, Tommy Adkins, Janice Cremeans, Sally Webb, Linda Evans, Bill Skeens, Brenda Roberts, Russell Adkins, Susan Justice, Josh & Colt Justice, Virgie Ollie, Bill & Betty Bayless, Ben & Mildred Maynard, Donna Trevillis, Frank Farmer, Leah Jones, Eileen Hanks, Rev. Bobby Adams, Hobert & Judy Raikes, Ronald & Patty Raikes, Jacob Bibler, Hannah Bibler, Izetta Hannah, Kenny & Polly Evans, Anna Evans, Jim & Susan Brown and sons David & Matthew Brown, Jewell Kazee, Otto Marcum, Iris Kammer, Helen Kazee, Ted Riffe, Braydon Chirico, Clyde & Laverne Dickenson, Herbert Adkins, Benny Adkins, Dick Adkins, Rexford Curry, Julie Propst, Kayla Adams, Greg Elkins, Doug Fields, Barbara Baer, Brianna Adams, Cassion Collins, David Dingess, Lovetta Napier, Jay & Tammy Frye, Gage David, Paula Mikus, Kaye Runyon, Lawrence Homer Vaughan, Billy Bryant, Victor Noe, Lois Thompson, Bess Allen, Lewis Sheppard, Everett Vance, Mike Ollie, Sr., Vincent Evans, Linda Williamson, Kaylae Scott, Layla Adkins, Evelyn Adams, Janet Fortner, Brenda Chapman, Debbie Blackburn, Jeff Gibson, Sally Wall, Tommy Wellman, Joann Kristen, Elaine Williamson, Barbara Farley, Gabriella Propst, Donna Hughes, Chris Huffnus, Joe Mowery, John Albright, Robin Wulf, Dylan Goodman, Kim Propst, Wendy Welch, Tom & Sandra Watson, Barney & Terri Goins and family, our unsaved loved ones, our church family, patients in the hospitals, residents in the nursing homes, our country and leaders, servicemen and women, our youth and youth leaders, and our college students away at school.

Thank you for your prayers.

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**July's Quiz for Bible Scholars:**

What was the name of the queen that was replaced by Esther? \_\_\_\_\_

**August's Quiz for Bible Scholars:**

Who in the Bible asked God to put his tears in a bottle? \_\_\_\_\_

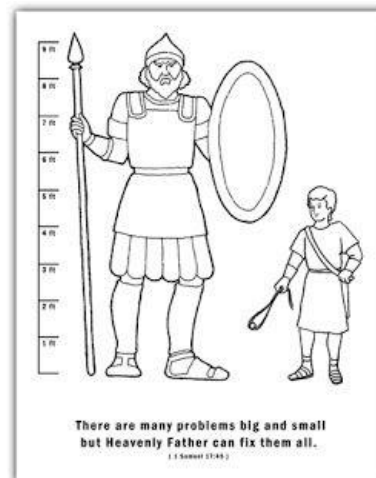
**September's Quiz for Bible Scholars:**

Who said, "Am I a dog, that thou comest to me with staves"? \_\_\_\_\_

Check your answers in the next month's Newsletter.

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**David vs. Goliath**—recently in church Bro. Kenny Jeffrey presented an interesting devotion about the weapon which David, a young Hebrew shepherd boy, used to slay the Philistine giant, Goliath. In fact, Bro. Kenny even had a facsimile of David's sling on display. He explained that the slings were fast, accurate, and deadly in a skillful hand. A good "slinger" could hurl a stone as far and accurately as a good archer could an arrow. (Slings are known to have hurled their projectiles as much as 440 yards—a quarter of a mile, and the projectile leaves a sling in excess of 60 miles per hour.) So, David stepped forth to meet the giant, armed with his faith in the living God of Israel and his proven weapon—a sling! Just how tall was Goliath? According to the Bible his height was about 9 1/2 feet. We can get an idea about Goliath's size in comparison to David's by looking at the chart to the right. Thanks, Bro. Kenny, for a very "impelling" devotion. (Bible narrative is in 1 Samuel 17).



### September Birthdays

Sept. 1 - Curtis Workman  
 Sept. 2 - Olivia Wooten  
 Sept. 3 - Larry Ramey  
 Sept. 4 - Teresa Vance, Conner Mullins, Jaylyn Ellis  
 Sept. 5 - James Wellman  
 Sept. 6 - Donald Queen, Jan Wilcox, Samantha Curry  
 Sept. 7 - Dorothy Counts  
 Sept. 8 - Tiffany White, Michelle Marsh  
 Sept. 9 - Glen Hager, Jaxon Crist  
 Sept. 10 - Karen Jeffrey, Gloria Wellman, Jayde Kuenzel  
 Sept. 11 - Lois Wooten, Jaxon Topping  
 Sept. 12 - Paula Duffield, Owen Stapleton  
 Sept. 13 - Chad Bumgarner, Alex Hicks, Meghan Mowery, Pearl Browning  
 Sept. 14 - Carole Hensley, Irene Frye, Connie Bowery  
 Sept. 15 - Bill Wooten III, Larry Ramey, David Hale  
 Sept. 17 - Kim Stennett, Jane Lilly  
 Sept. 19 - Betty Bayless, Kenny Mullins, Shari Bumgarner, David Farmer  
 Sept. 21 - Teresa Hager, Justin Moore, Jacob Wulf  
 Sept. 22 - Eugene Bevins, Caden Robinson  
 Sept. 23 - Chris Hale, Jon Elliott Brennan  
 Sept. 24 - Jeffrey Mullins  
 Sept. 25 - Crystal Moore, Jessica Herbster  
 Sept. 26 - Hailey Dingess  
 Sept. 27 - Jeffrey McNeely, Stephanie White, Lauren Ramey  
 Sept. 28 - Brittany Doss, David Welch  
 Sept. 30 - Mary Ramey, Sharron Adams, Mark Farmer, Kevin McCallister

### September Anniversaries



Sept. 5 - Gary & Jo Ann White  
 Sept. 12 - Craig & Linsey Marcum  
 Sept. 27 - Larry & Mary Ramey, John & Shawn Propst



**Central Church Calendar**

- Mondays - Men's visitation, 6:30 p.m.
- Wednesdays - Ladies visitation, 3 p.m.; Youth Meeting - 7 p.m.; Prayer Mtg. - 7 p.m.
- Sunday, Sept. 3 – Super Sunday Worship Service, 10:30 a.m.
- Monday, Sept. 11 – Ladies Auxiliary Meeting, Men's Fellowship, 7 p.m.
- Saturday, Sept. 23 – Church & CCC reserved, Kemp Wedding
- Saturday, Sept. 30 – CCC reserved, Collins
- Sunday, Oct. 1 – Central HOMECOMING
- Saturday, Oct. 7 – Ladies Auxiliary Bazaar
- Sunday, Nov. 5 – Super Sunday, & Daylight-Saving Time ends
- Thursday, Nov. 23 – Thanksgiving
- Sunday, Dec. 3 – Church Christmas Dinner
- Monday, Dec. 11 – Ladies Auxiliary Christmas Party



Junior Camp



Teen Camp

Pastor Randy Skeens was able to teach at this year's July Junior Camp (see upper left photo). He is joined after the service by those attending from Central. Brother Kenny Jeffrey worked as a Dorm Father, he is joined his wife Shawna. Sister Kenna Jeffrey and Brother Luke Jeffrey both worked the week as Teen Helpers. Campers pictured are Alera Messer, Eli Messer, and Karigan Korody.

Pastor Randy Skeens preached at this year's Teen Camp as he has been for many years. He is joined after the service by members of Central helping with the camp (upper right photo). Brother Kenny Jeffrey served as director and Sister Shawna Jeffrey helped as an assistant cook. Sister Sharon Skeens provided special singing with the Pastor for the evening. Teens attending were Luke Jeffrey, Zachary Cox, Kenadee Vance, Kayla Toler, and Kenna Jeffrey. Although not pictured, Corey Townsend was able to attend part of the week.



**Baptized on Sunday, August 6, 2017**, following our Super Sunday Service was Zachary Cox, the son of Ed and Linda Adkins Cox of Whitman. Zach was baptized by Pastor Skeens, assisted by his grandfather, Edward Cox, Sr. Zachary is a life-long attendee of Central Baptist Church and has been doing a great job serving as an usher for our church services for the past several months. He is in the 10th grade at Logan High School and has two older sisters, Emily and Sarah. He was among the young people who were privileged to attend Teen Camp at Salt Rock in July (see above picture).

**Pray for Brother Bubba's Hearing**--"What's wrong, Bro. Bubba?" said the pastor.

"I need you to pray for my hearing," said Bro. Bubba.

The pastor gently placed his hands over Bubba's ears and prayed. When he was done, he said, "So how's your hearing?"

"I don't know," said Bro. Bubba, "It isn't until next Tuesday."




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**Incoming Officers for Ladies Auxiliary, Year 2017-18**

President – Sister Lois Farmer

1st Vice President – Sister Karen Wooten

2nd Vice President – Sister Melody Adkins

3rd Vice President – Sister Betty Clark

Treasurer – Sister Drema Vance, Asst. Treasurer – Sister Linda Williamson

Secretary – Sister Beverly Gail White, Asst. Secretary – Sister Linda Cox

Song Leader Sister Melody Adkins

**Circle Leaders**

Circle 1 – Sisters Melody Adkins & Dorothy Ellis

Circle 2 – Sisters Wilma Adams & Lana Brammer

Circle 3 – Sisters Sharron Adams & Carol Moore

Our thanks to the outgoing officers of the Ladies Auxiliary for their fantastic work in the year 2016-17.

You are appreciated. Let's pray for and support the incoming officers. Let us always be...

**"Seeking Opportunities to Serve God by Serving Others"**

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Our deepest sympathy to Pearl and Jesse Browning in the passing of Pearl's sister, Evalina Messer Lackey of Dingess, WV, and . . .

. . . to the family of Mary Esque Meadows of Chapmanville, WV, and Myrtle Beach, SC. Mary's survivors include her daughter and son-in-law, Angela Thornhill and Jeff Thornhill of Chapmanville, and brother-in-law, Jerry Samson and his family;

. . . to the family of Fred Bryant, Jr. of Ocala, FL, son of the late Fred and Nora Bryant (Gore). His survivors include his siblings, Judy, Kathy, Kim, & his twin brother, Jackie, and several Bryant family members who attend our church.

Our thoughts and prayers are with each of you.

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**Greetings** to our Brothers and Sisters-in-Christ. We hope you are enjoying this beautiful summer day with which the Lord has blessed us. Summer is coming to an end and Autumn is just around the corner—all according to God's direction. So, we say with Daniel of old, *"Blessed be the name of God for ever and ever: for wisdom and might are his: and he changeth the times and the seasons."* Isn't that wonderful? We send a warm and loving "Hello" to our shut-ins and out-of-town readers, especially those we hear from each and every month, and all our very special readers. May God's blessings be with you today!

**A Thot for the Day:**

Thank God for life; life is not sweet always.  
Hands may be heavy laden, heart care-full;  
Unwelcome nights follow unwelcome days,  
And dreams divine end in awakening dull;

Still it is life; and life is cause for praise.  
This ache, this restlessness, this quickening sting  
Prove me no torpid and inanimate thing—  
Prove me of Him who is the life, the spring.  
I am alive—and that is beautiful.

~Author Unknown

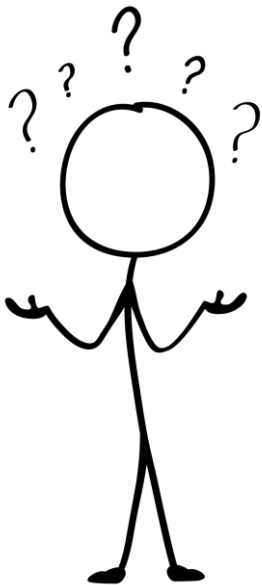
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When a Christian is faced with questions about whether or not to do something, here are 5 simple questions that can apply to any problem, purpose or plan:

- Is it according and acceptable to the Word of God?
- Does it violate a scriptural principle?
- Can I do it to the glory of God?
- Can I ask God's blessing?
- Would I like to be found doing this when the Lord returns?