



**Today is Sunday August 04, 2021**

## **SOURD MILK AND TAINTED MEAT**

By Elder Curtis Pugh

The Bible speaks of preaching the Bible as being “milk” and “meat.” Peter told believers: **“As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby,”** (1 Peter 2:2). Paul wrote to the carnal baby Christians in Corinth saying: **“I have fed you with milk, and not with meat: for hitherto ye were not able to bear it, neither yet now are ye able,”** (1 Corinthians 3:2).

But what if spiritual babes are fed spoiled milk? And what if more mature believers are fed tainted meat? Just as spoiled milk and tainted meat bring sickness in the natural realm, so it is in the spiritual realm. Those who teach, preach write, etc. must be careful to teach what the Bible teaches – no more and no less. They must not just select proof texts – distorted verses – to try and prove their preconceived ideas. In fact, those who are “masters” or teachers of the Bible will be judged more severely than their hearers. We know this because James wrote: **“My brethren, be not many masters, knowing that we shall receive the greater condemnation,”** (James 3:1).

About other teachers and what they were doing to Paul's writings, Peter wrote: **“As also in all his [Paul's] epistles, speaking in them of these things; in which are some things hard to be understood, which they that are unlearned and unstable wrest, as they do also the other scriptures, unto their own destruction,”** (2 Peter 3:16). Wresting or twisting out of shape the Scriptures not only harms the hearers, but also those who torture the Word of God. Consider these two things – (1) the more severe judgment of those who teach and (2) the ruin brought by twisting the Scriptures that comes upon the teachers themselves as well as their hearers. Some teachers are **“...deceiving, and being deceived,”** (2 Timothy 3:13).

Only those regenerated by the sovereign work of the Holy Spirit are able to understand the Scriptures rightly – i.e., in a spiritually profitable way. We know this because Paul wrote: **“Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God. Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual. But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned,”** (1 Corinthians 2:12-14). Just being baptized, praying a one-time prayer for salvation, making a decision for Christ, going to seminary, etc., will not do. To understand the Bible the teacher and the hearer must have been regenerated. The Holy Spirit must have birthed the spiritually dead sinner into God's family by His presence. Apart from that the Word of God is foolishness and non-understandable to the natural or unregenerate man. **“...Ye must be born again,”** (John 3:7).

## **WELCOME TO THE SOVEREIGN GRACE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH**

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## **Our Prayer List**

*“Pray without ceasing.”*

1 Thessalonians 5:17

Sister Zee Mink Fuller and Family, Her son's Bryan Armstrong and Hunter Hackie, Johnnie Stephens, Alecia Stephens, and children, Frank & Sonya Trusty, Frank & Dawana Reigel, Diane & Smoke, Andrew Preston, Larry & Martha Mollette and Her Family Juanita her daughter, Lana Paul, Larry Mollette II & Family, Kerry Adcock, Kim Reich, Tyler Castle, Danny Mollette, Joshua Kidd, Ronnie and Sarah Henderson, Ricky Henderson and Family, James and Luann Reynolds, Timothy Fails, Jerry Hughes, Shirley King - Son David - and family, Little Cam Works, Sister Ann McSwain, Brother Justin Bookout and family, Little Weslynn McClelland, Adrienne Lavina, Pastor Nathan Hille and Sister Cassie and his family, Baby Titus Massey, Shane and Brook Sims, Ricky Bennett, Nick, Madison, and Baby Emory Patty, and Russell York, Brother Medic, Sister Mhalyn Lavina and children, Brother Jerry Dodson, Brother Gary and Sister White, Brother David and Sister Jevonna O'Neal, Sister Rebecca Sidders.

## **Pray For Our Church Supported Mission Works**

*“But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.”* Act 1:8

Missionary Dan and Sunny Sullivan in Thailand, Elder Raul and the Printing work Romania, and the Berea Baptist Banner Mantachie, Ms

## “Pastor’s thought for the week.”

“Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind;” 1 Peter 5:2

### Sacrifices Pleasing to God

Hebrews 13:2 “*Be not forgetful to entertain strangers: for thereby some have entertained angels unawares.*”

For the believer, (this includes every believer that God has graciously saved), we are bound to serve the Lord our God in everything we do in life, and even with our life if necessary. No believer should ever neglect to be as gracious, loving, and kind as our Lord is, because He is above us all. If God’s own Son can be a servant, then we can also be the same, always pleasing our Father before self. Pleasing God is a personal sacrifice, but it will never be more of a sacrifice than God giving His own Son to die by wicked hands of the lost, nor Jesus sacrificing His entire life to redeem us all, even in death. God said in Heb. 13:1 “*Let brotherly love continue.*” This means that all believers should never allow our brotherly love to ever be interrupted. Not with human love but with the godly love the Holy Spirit blessed us with after we were saved. The Greek word for love here is “Philadelphia” which is defined as “fraternal affection” that is God’s love that the Holy Spirit gave to us when we were saved. Paul wrote about this love in Rom. 5:5 “*And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.*” God’s love has been poured out from the Holy Spirit into our hearts, not just love but God’s love.

“This is agapē love, and the Holy Spirit flooded the hearts of believers with God’s love, and with the assurance of it,” as one writer put it. In the days of old, or the early years of the Lord’s church Christians had to flee because of persecution and afflictions. Something most of today’s Christians have not experienced, but as perilous times continue to flourish those times may return and include us. It may be hard for some Christians to understand but when we meet a stranger we never know who that stranger is. Therefore, it is incumbent on us to entertain all strangers. The Lord reminds us “*...for thereby some have entertained angels unawares.*” Could we encounter Angels, we never know what God is doing and how He is testing us. Angels have taken on human bodies before and could again, even in our day. I cannot say I have ever had contact with one, but I cannot guarantee that I have not.

## “Pastor’s thought for the week” – Continued

Therefore, no matter who we encounter or who is among us, it is our duty of hospitality to treat them with love, kindness, and gentleness. The purpose of this scripture is not for us to look for angels, but to exercise our Christian and church duties, being kind and entertaining even those we may not know.

Always letting brotherly love continue and always entertaining and not judging if or if not we are to help others. Sacrifices pleasing to God and not to self, the Lord has given us a commandment and it is our responsibility.

## Church information and Happenings

Our Bible Conference is coming, September 13th & 14th

Our speakers are:

- **Pastor Ronnie Miller,**  
Divide Baptist Church, Sulphur Springs, Tx.
- **Pastor Larry Wilson,**  
Northside Baptist Church, Oakdale, La.
- **Pastor Robert Keller,**  
Grace Bible Baptist Church Denham Springs, La.
- **Pastor Kelley Hinson,**  
Landmark Sovereign Grace Baptist Church, Ft. Worth, Tx
- **Pastor Joey Newell,**  
Sovereign Grace Baptist Church, Silsbee, Tx
- **Pastor Joseph Sidders,**  
Grace Missionary Baptist Church, Tulsa, OK
- **Pastor Jimmy Nelson,**  
Landmark Baptist Church, Haltom City, Texas

