

Works We Support

- **John Shafer**, Foreign Evangelism. (MO, NE, & India)
- **Peter and Pooi Fun Chin**, Four Seas College of Bible & Missions, Singapore
- **“Seek The Old Paths”**, Monthly Newsletter
- **Chuck Northrop**, Bible Institute of Missouri (Instructor)
- **Kent Eakins**, Hermitage, MO
- **Chris O'Brien**, Mexico
- **Michael Pickett**, India
- **“Whom Do You Serve?”**, Television Program
- **“Bible Questions With Bible Answers”**, Television Program

Scripture Readings

AM: 2 Timothy 4:2-5 PM: John 14:1-4

Upcoming Sermons

Sunday AM

February 25: Philip Steele –Our Preaching
March 4: Philip Steele –
March 11:

Sunday PM

February 25: #651 Philip Steele – Let Not Your Heart
Be Troubled
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Sundays: 11 a.m., 12:15 p.m., 3 p.m.

Services:

Sunday

Bible Class: 10 a.m.

Worship Assembly: 11 a.m.& 12:15 p.m.

Wednesday

Bible Classes: 7 p.m.

Sunday, February 25, 2018

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To our visitors, we want you to know that we are honored by your being with us today. We welcome any questions you may have. All materials that you see are free of charge and if there is any other information you would like, we will be happy to provide it.

What Would They Say?

The idea of a person communicating with the dead has always been a popular one. A recent poll revealed that 28% of Americans believe that people can talk with and receive messages from the dead. Another poll revealed that 1 in 7 Americans admitted to visiting a fortune teller or a psychic in the past year. The truth is, the psychic industry is a very profitable one, making over one billion dollars every year. People have always wanted to believe that there was a possibility that someone who is alive can speak with someone who was dead.

Whenever a person “speaks” with the dead, the “conversation” is usually concerning physical things – about money or possessions, about some feeling or emotion, or about something that was never said. The dead person is usually in a “better place” and wants to help and comfort the living person. But it's always about helping them in some sort of physical way.

We know that no one can talk to the dead, and those who claim to do so are lying (either to themselves or to others). But just imagine what the dead would say to the living, if it was possible. What message would they want the living to know? Would it be about the physical things here on earth, like money or possessions? Or would it be something else?

In Luke 16:19-31, we have an idea of what exactly the dead would say to the living. In those verses, Jesus tells of two men – a rich man and Lazarus. The rich man and Lazarus each live different lives and both die. When they die, Lazarus is taken into Abraham's bosom and the rich man into torment. After pleading for some relief for himself, the rich man asks that Lazarus be sent back to his family, so they don't join him in torment. Abraham tells the rich man that, even if someone did come back, his family would still not listen. They weren't listening to scripture; they wouldn't listen to Lazarus, either.

In those verses, we see what the dead would say – avoid going to hell at all costs! Do whatever you can to make it to heaven! That would be the message from both the rich man and Lazarus. They both would plead with the living to change their lives, walk after God and Christ, in order to make it to heaven, because hell isn't the place they want to be.

But, as Abraham said, the world doesn't need the dead to come back to deliver the message, because that message is found in the Bible. In Mark 9:42-48, Jesus tells us just how horrible hell is. It is described

as a place “...where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched...” three times (verses 44,46, and 48). Jesus says that we should get rid of everything that will hinder us from going, no matter what it is. In Matthew 16:26, Jesus asks what benefit there is for a person to have the whole world, but lose their soul. The answer is clear – there is nothing more important than a person's soul. If a person loses that, they've lost everything.

What would the dead say, if they could communicate to us today? They would say exactly what the Bible says – Fear God and keep His commandments (Ecclesiastes 12:13). They would warn us of the dangers of hell and encourage us with the glory of heaven. They would plead and beg us to correct our lives now, while there is still opportunity, because once we're dead, then that is it. Don't look for the dead for answers – look to God and the Bible.

Philip Steele

Prayer Requests

- Lillian's Brother
- Al Haskell (Kidney)
- Michael Golwitzer (Kidney)
- Marty Stearns (Health)
- McClaine Family
- John Shafer & wife Linda
- Bobbie's Brother
- Bob Knox (Health)
- Billie Rollstin
- Tom Van Alstine (Surgery)
- Niroola Family (Death of Prem)
- Michael Pickett (India)
- Those of the congregation who are traveling

Mark Your Calendars

- February 25 – Men's Meeting, Pot-luck Luncheon