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A GLANCE AT THE FIRST QUARTER OF 2012

It may seem hard to believe but $\frac{1}{4}$ of 2012 is now a matter of history. Life gets by in a hurry; make every day count.

January found us mostly in Houston working on the *Marriage Enrichment Seminar* materials and on the 2013 *Holy Land Tour Book*. I feel so blessed to be able to produce truly helpful and informative materials. We enjoyed great Christian Law Association weekends with Friendship Baptist Church in Hurst, Texas and Leon Valley Baptist Church in San Antonio. We were also able to visit with Pastor David Beatty, Sr. at Calvary Baptist Church in New

Braunfels, Texas. Pray for him; he is very ill.

February found us on an extended CLA tour in Oklahoma. What a blessing to be with dear brethren in Yukon, Edmond, Oklahoma City and Ada! In the middle of February we enjoyed a wonderful time with our children and grandchildren including family photos. February included a most blessed weekend with Pastor Ed Neal and the dear brethren at Midway Baptist Church in McKinney, Texas.

We ended February and entered March aboard a cruise ship in the Gulf of Mexico. It was a special privilege to present a

Marriage Enrichment Seminar aboard ship and to visit the Yucatan in Mexico. I had the privilege of preaching to the Lighthouse Indian Baptist Church in Pearland, Texas and the Vincent Baptist Church in Sulphur, Louisiana before heading to Ohio where I finished out the month in five churches.

I do not have words to tell you how honored I feel that God would let me serve Him to this extent. Praise His holy name!



Benjamin Bailey—Cruising

REGISTER TO VOTE

For 50 years Mrs. Hutson and I have voted in every major election and most of the others. Be double-sure you are registered. If you are not registered, you will not be allowed to vote. No doubt the coming presidential election will be one of the most important elections (if not the most important) in American history and the history of freedom.

Be sure you are registered to vote. Make sure your friends are registered. Do not be passive. There is a time to stand up and be counted; that time is now!

THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF MY WEBSITE

Many of you visit my website at www.lesterhutson.org. Thank you. My goal is to ever offer helpful and interesting information. I am attempting to posture my life to spend more time adding to and building a stronger website.

All previous editions of my *Connected Newsletter* are archived there along with a section for my growing list of products: books, DVDs, eBooks, etc. I am especially happy to offer a free download of my *Basic Discipleship Student Manual*. Before long I hope to start recording my new book

(*Great Bible Truths Revisited*) and offer it as an audio book. There is information about next year's *Holy Land Tour* and an occasional new blog. Of course, my testimony, doctrinal statement and who I am is always there.

Thank you for the many encouraging comments you have sent. Your input is greatly appreciated and valued.

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AVAILABLE MINISTRY HELPS

One of my long-standing goals at this stage of my life is to provide ministry resources that can help and bless God's people. I am a Bible-believing Baptist to the core and I am quite happy to be a little old-fashioned. I am committed to our old-fashioned King James Bible, old-fashioned biblical preaching (with passion & heart), old-fashioned church worship (preaching, praying, singing, giving and the Lord's Supper), old-fashioned singing, old-fashioned separation and holiness, old-fashioned soul-winning and old-fashioned love for God, family, church, lost sinners and country. The helps I offer will reflect these values.

BOOKS

<i>Great Bible Truths Revisited</i>	(Amazon , Barnes & Noble , Xulon bookstore & (lesterhutson@gmail.com))	\$25.00
<i>Basic Bible Truths</i>	(www.christianlaw.org)	\$15.00
<i>Basic Discipleship Teacher's Manual</i>	(lesterhutson@gmail.com)	\$15.00
<i>Christian Family Principles</i>	(lesterhutson@gmail.com)	\$10.00
<i>Cultivating Your Heart</i>	(lesterhutson@gmail.com)	\$10.00
<i>Survey of Bible History - All 3 vols. Set</i>	(lesterhutson@gmail.com)	\$10.00

eBooks

<i>Great Bible Truths Revisited</i>	(Amazon , Barnes & Noble)	\$ 9.99
<i>Basic Bible Truths</i>	(Amazon , Barnes & Noble)	\$ 9.99
<i>Basic Discipleship Teacher's Manual</i>	(Amazon , Barnes & Noble)	\$ 6.99
<i>Basic Discipleship Student's Manual</i>	(www.lesterhutson.org)	Free
<i>Philippians: God's Love Letter</i>	(Amazon , Barnes & Noble)	\$ 4.99
<i>Notes on Studying Nehemiah</i>	(Amazon , Barnes & Noble)	\$ 4.99

CDs / DVDs

<i>Joshua - Victory against all Odds</i>	(lesterhutson@gmail.com)	\$ 5.00
<i>Philippians - God's Love Letter</i>	(lesterhutson@gmail.com)	\$ 5.00
<i>James - God's Practical Hammer</i>	(lesterhutson@gmail.com)	\$ 5.00
<i>2 Timothy - The on-going Brotherhood</i>	(lesterhutson@gmail.com)	\$ 5.00
<i>A History of Churches</i>	(lesterhutson@gmail.com)	\$ 5.00
<i>Lester Hutson Teaching Collection</i>	(lesterhutson@gmail.com)	\$25.00

(Includes digitized message, sermon outlines, power point & bulletin inserts.
99.4 hours of audio + 4,400 printable pages)

BIG MEDICARE RATE HIKE ON ITS WAY

The assault on liberty, particularly freedom of religion, is very much under way at the highest levels of our government. We've just witnessed the forcing of Christians in America to pay for medical procedures in violation of their religious convictions. The president then tried to hide the direct assault on religious liberty by couching it as a woman's rights issue. It isn't!

Be aware that built into Obama Care are major Medicare price hikes. This year (2012) Medicare jumps from \$96.40 (2011) to \$104.20. Next year (2013) the premium jumps to \$120.20 and in 2014 it jumps per person to \$247.00.

How nice to move the big price hike until after the presidential election! You'd better vote. It makes a difference! Remember that you cannot vote if you are not registered. Use your influence. Warn your friends about what is happening. It's time to stand up and be counted.

A NOTE FOR SENIOR CITIZENS

Many merchants **automatically** give discounts to senior citizens. Sometimes their clerk may not realize you are a senior and you must ask. Always be kind and gracious but don't be afraid to **ask**. The discounts vary but usually run from 10% to 30%. You might be surprised: Wendy's, Golden Corral, Chick-fil-A, Banana Republic, Bealls, Big Lots, Kmart, Hampton Inn, Comfort Inn & Suites, Southwest Airlines and many more. For \$10.00 you can buy a lifetime pass to any U.S. National Park. Try it. You may be surprised. It is certainly worth asking.

Blind man: "Can anything be worse than losing your sight?"
Wise man: "Yes, losing your vision."

Our Prayer List

- ✓ *Humble, integrity & true love*
- ✓ *Wisdom & good spirits*
- ✓ *That I may truly give myself to the preparation of good materials*
- ✓ *Good health & good attitudes*
- ✓ *That we put the past behind & engage ourselves in the ministry of our new church*

SOMETHING PERSONAL

Life is wonderful; however, it has its ups and downs. That's not a complaint; it's just reality. I have observed that generally our greatest lessons are learned when the going gets rough. That is certainly when our need of God's help and grace is most apparent.

You may remember that about one year ago, I had surgery on my right thumb. An arthritic condition destroyed the upper joint near the wrist. Ironically the left thumb has succumbed to the same ailment. As you read these lines I will be in a cast from surgery on the left thumb/wrist. The cast stays on about six weeks and then there is therapy. If you don't hear much from me for a while (particularly in writing), you'll know why.

A few years ago I had a lens implant in my left eye. For several months my vision in that eye has been degenerating; to the point of inability to

drive at night, read a book or my computer screen and other limitations out of that eye. Thankfully my eye doctor identified the problem, did a laser surgery and I am seeing much better.

Otherwise Mrs. Hutson and I have been going pretty strong. We both had major bouts with respiratory congestion and coughing, but who hasn't! Friends, good health is a major treasure from God. Never take it for granted and

NEW SERMONS ON MY WEBSITE

I am happy to say that there are new, fresh sermons on my website. Some of the sermons I have preached abroad were recorded and are now posted. Hopefully you will find them to be a blessing.

www.lesterhutson.org. Go to the *SERMONS* section of the website.

*"Of the four wars in my lifetime, none came about because the U.S. was too strong."
-- Ronald Reagan*

*"No free man shall ever be debarred the use of arms."
-- Thomas Jefferson*

A BOOK I HAVE RECENTLY READ & HIGHLY RECOMMEND

CALVINISM DECONSTRUCTED

by Hutson Smelley
Xulon Press
ISBN 9781613799383

By far the best on the subject! Attorney Smelley puts Calvinism on trial. In their own words he has them define their terms and express their positions. He takes their proof texts and exegetes each one. It becomes quickly obvious in light of an objective examination that Calvinism is a philosophical, not biblical, view of God. The system of theology can only stand when the Scriptures are viewed and misinterpreted to conform to the philosophical biases. When examined in light of their contexts, all Bible support for the TULIP disappears.

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OUR 2013 HOLY LAND & LONDON TOUR

Today I spoke with Duke Westover, owner of our tour company. He cannot firm-up the airline ticket costs until April 15. Of course, a final price for the tour cannot be set before we get that information and thus no brochure or reservations. I had hoped to have that information to include in this newsletter however that was not possible. I should have it by May. As soon as I do, I will send you a special notice giving details.

What we can say at this point is that we are scheduled to

leave the states on Monday, February 25 and return on Friday, March 8, 2013. We will first visit Israel for the main part of the tour before flying to London for the last two days.

This will be a vintage Christian tour with emphasis upon the Christian



aspects of each site we visit. It will be filled with facts and

information but its greatest strength will be in the inspiration and new appreciation you receive for your Bible.

At this time the most practical preparations you can make for the tour are (1) capture the dates and clear your calendar, (2) look for a roommate - the price will be based on double occupancy and (3) save your money. Once we are able to accept reservation it will take \$500.00 to reserve a seat. The balance will be due by December.

CRITICAL TIMES

Whether or not we recognize and are in tune with what is going on around us, reality is what it is. There have been many critical junctions in the history of mankind. The evidence is overwhelming that America is moving away from individual liberty and those freedoms guaranteed by our Constitution. Government is rapidly getting bigger and more domineering. The will of the people is increasingly thwarted by judges and other politicians including the president. Fiscal sanity at the highest levels is gone. Private agendas trump the common good. The rewards of hard working, honest people are being forcibly placed into the hands of people who break the law and refuse to work. Morality, honesty, integrity no longer matter. Perversion is the order of the day. Darwinism is coming of age.

I suspect this is the last true election for America. It seems unfathomable that Americans would reelect the leadership that is there but it is growing increasingly likely to me that it is going to happen. If you care about freedom and the kind of America you have known, I plead with you to get busy. Use your influence. Wake up your friends. Help them to see where we are. Be a Paul Revere in your own right. Don't sit silent and passive while America goes down. Speak up. Get involved. Pray but work. Don't let America go down on your watch. Don't let your grandchildren say, "Why didn't somebody do something? Where was my daddy and my mother? Where was my grandpa?" Remember, my friend, we are playing for keeps. This is not a dress rehearsal; we're in the big show. There will be no second chances.

NEW eBook NOW AVAILABLE

Just this week my latest eBook became available on [Amazon](#) and on [Barnes and Noble](#). *Notes on Studying Nehemiah* will unlock this great Bible book for you. Buy it for \$4.99.

"Keep thy heart with all diligence: for out of it are the issues of life"

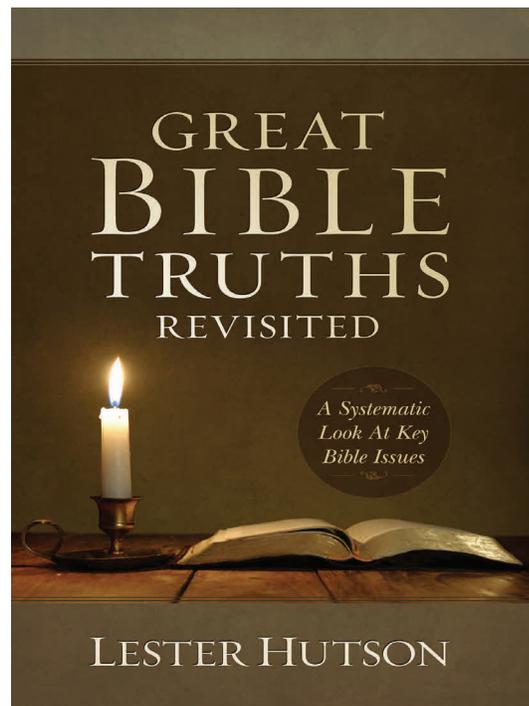
Proverbs 4:23

MY NEW BOOK IS FINALLY A REALITY

Great Bible Truths Revisited has been a long and arduous undertaking, but it is finally a reality. The book turned out to be much larger than I anticipated; a total of 739 pages. The 50 chapters in this book cover a great number of Bible issues. What is the *Unpardonable Sin*? Is the *Trinity* really in the Bible? What about today's *Miracle Healing* and *Speaking in Tongues*? What does the Bible say about *Abortion* and the *Death Penalty*? What does the Bible have to say about *Sex* including the homosexual lifestyle? Can *Baptism* save you? Can you go to heaven without being baptized? How do we know that only the Bible is *divinely inspired*? What is the real bottom line of *Calvinist Theology*? How do you *Try the spirits*? What is a *Spiritual Gift*? What is the *Baptism of the Holy Ghost*? This book answers lots of difficult and thorny questions.

I wrote this book in complete annotated outline form. It is very readable. I wrote it for *the man in the pew*, however I think it will stand muster in terms of scholarship. I wanted the book to be readable, but I also wanted it to be easy to teach. The outline form structures it well and makes it a good curriculum and teaching device for teachers and preachers. While the entire book is loosely knit around the central theme of the gospel of Christ, it contains several major segments. It is really a reference book arranged in encyclopedic form. I suspect that you will keep this book around and revisit it many, many times.

The book can be purchased by request through your local bookstore. It is also available through [Amazon](#) and [Barnes and Noble](#) at a discount. It was published by Xulon Press and is available at their website at this [link](#). The ISBN is 9781619961517. The publisher set the price at \$31.00 per copy. I would be happy to autograph a copy and mail it to you. The price through me is \$25.00 plus postage and a mailer. Check my website: www.lesterhutson.org or e-mail me at lesterhutson@gmail.com.



A NEW HOME CHURCH

Mrs. Hutson and I are now members of Northwest Baptist Church in Houston. A number of factors led us to this decision. Our Pastor is Tim Dulany. We look forward to serving as very functional and involved parts of Northwest.