

Alan bought a horse, a religious horse it appeared. Strangely, the horse only reacted to two words: the word "**Hallelujah**" to make it go, and "**Amen**" to make it stop.



Excited, Alan took his new horse out on the range and was riding it happily when he realised he was heading towards the edge of a cliff. Terrified, Alan forgot which word was the one to stop the horse.

Obviously wanting to prevent falling over the cliff to certain death, he bellowed out a prayer ending with the word - **Amen**. Amazingly, the horse stopped. '**Hallelujah**,' shouted the relieved Alan.



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**Let's kick off Christmas together
Saturday November 29th 6:30pm**

MOSES AND THE RED SEA

Nine-year-old Joey was asked by his mother what he had learned in Sunday School. 'Well, Mom, our teacher told us God sent Moses behind enemy lines on a rescue mission to lead the Israelites out of Egypt. When he got to the Red Sea, he had his army build a pontoon bridge and all the people walked across safely. Then he radioed headquarters for reinforcements. They sent bombers to blow up the bridge and all the Israelites were saved.' 'Now, Joey, is that really what your teacher taught you?' his Mother asked. 'Well, no, Mom. But, if I told it the way the teacher did, you'd never believe it!'



"There isn't enough room in your mind for both worry and faith. You must decide which one will live there."

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In Flanders Fields

*In Flanders fields the poppies grow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.*

*We are the dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset
glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we
lie
In Flanders fields.*

*Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies
grow
In Flanders fields.*

John McCrae

November 2014



November 11th

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Join us each Sunday for Worship

10:45a.m. Worship and Praise

"What if you had to live today with only the things you thanked God for?" [Anonymous]

Darlene was sitting on her grandfather's lap as he read her a bedtime story. From time to time, she would take her eyes off the book and reach up to touch his wrinkled cheek.



She was alternately stroking her own cheek, then his again. Finally she spoke up, 'Grandpa, did God make you?' 'Yes, darling,' he answered, 'God made me a long time ago.' 'Oh,' Darlene paused, 'Grandpa, did God make me too?' 'Yes, indeed, poppet,' he said, 'God made you just a little while ago.'

Feeling their respective faces again, Darlene observed, 'God's getting better at it, isn't he?'



Something To Think About..

You've probably no carved stone statue in your house, nor ever traveled to Asia and purchased a totem or some other representation of a false god. So says Ed Stetzer, President of LifeWay Research and contributing editor for Christianity today. In this article for you, He goes on to ask why a conversation about idolatry would be of any importance to you. Well, believe it or not, the most common warning about sin in Scripture doesn't deal with lying, gossip, adultery, stealing or murder. The most common sin in all of Scripture that we're told to avoid, reject and move away from is idolatry. In fact, the New Testament says, "*Little children, guard yourselves from idols.*" [1 John 5:21] So apparently idolatry is still trying to work its way into our lives and distract us from worshipping and obeying God. Idolatry isn't just a pagan issue. It is not just an Old Testament or Jewish issue. It is a human issue.

Is it that a 12-inch tall piece of wood or bronze can do something bad to us? Or is it that we do something awful to ourselves when we place adoration and attention that should go to God in other things? When it comes to idolatry, the danger isn't in an item ... it's in us. It was John Calvin who said our heart is an idol factory. In a fallen world, people constantly seek things they can worship, even though the Creator is before us in plain view. We are all looking for something to worship and serve. Idols come easy, but go hard.

There's a consistent theme about idolatry throughout the Scriptures—and in our lives as well. The Bible describes our new life, our new birth in Christ, in this way: "*You turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God.*" [1 Thessalonians 1:9-10] Of course, in comparison to a dead and false idol, serving a living God seems like a no-brainer.

Does becoming a worshiper of the one true God mean we no longer have to contend with the issue of idolatry? I wish it were that simple. Everything that is not of God raises itself up against God, even in the life of a Christian. So we constantly have idol pop-ups in our lives. We have to cast them down, but they will be there as long as we live here on earth. We're going to have to recognize the draw we all have toward the idols of the world. Every culture creates idols, and we must be vigilant at turning from them, even destroying them.

Acts 17 tells the story of Paul in Athens and how his spirit was "*troubled within him when he saw that the city was full of idols*". [Acts 17:16] It's a fascinating passage we often miss. ***Are our spirits troubled within us because of the idols of our culture?***

I'm not referring only to the idols "out there." This isn't just about our neighbors' idols. We must recognize that we're all drawn to some of those idols. And the people in our churches are all drawn to those idols, as well.

Seeing people trapped in idolatry should inspire compassion for their souls, as they are trapped in foolishness. But it also should spark

detest for anything that would set itself up against the one true God. Idols don't leave on their own; in the power of the gospel, we must tear them down—destroy them. We need to remove them from our lives and depart from them. As our love for God increases, our tolerance for idolatry will decrease.

This article by Ed Stetzer appeared in *Church Leaders – a blog for pastors and church leaders. I've used it in abbreviated format to share his insight for our edification as God's people.*

Mark your Calendar...

Nov 1st – Love Day WRRC 10am

Nov 4th – Understanding Teenage
Brain – Wyoming BC

Nov 5 & 12 – Bible study
7:15pm (Revelation)

Nov 8th – Missionfest - \$12 FBC
Strathroy – 5:30pm
Program @ 6:30pm

Nov 26th – Bible study 7:15pm
Advent Series

Nov 29th – Godwinks' Café
6:30pm **HEARTSONG**