

Safford Church of Christ

3888 S Hwy 191, Safford, AZ 85546

19 January 2014

Topics

A.M. Bible Class: Jesus Prays for All Believers (John 17:20 ff)

A.M. Lesson: What Is Meant by Scripture (2 Tim 3:14-17)?

P.M. Lesson: The Year of the LORD's Favor (Isaiah 61)

Wednesday: The LORD's Judgment on Ahaziah (2 Kings 1)

Pulpit Evangelist

Ken Knowlton: 428-3494

Elders

Greg Briggs: 428-8756

John Cunningham: 428-0895

Sunday Bible Class	10:00 A.M.
Sunday Morning Worship	11:00 A.M.
Sunday Evening Worship	6:30 P.M.
Wednesday Evening Class	6:30 P.M.
Thursday Ladies Bible Class	10:00 A.M.

Suffering With Christ

The following passages carry a theme that persecution for being Christian or sharing in the distress of persecuted Christians, praying for them and providing for them in whatever ways are possible is a way to share in the suffering of Christ.

Revised Standard Version

Acts 9:1-5 But Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any belonging to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. Now as he

journeyed he approached Damascus, and suddenly a light from heaven flashed about him. And he fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" And he said, "Who are you, Lord?" And he said, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting"

Philippians 4:10-17 I rejoice in the Lord greatly that now at length you have revived your concern for me; you were indeed concerned for me, but you had no opportunity. Not that I complain of want; for I have learned, in whatever state I am, to be content. I know how to be abased, and I know how to abound; in any and all circumstances I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and want. I can do all things in him who strengthens me. Yet it was kind of you to share my trouble. And you Philippians yourselves know that in the beginning of the gospel, when I left Macedo'nia, no church entered into partnership with me in giving and receiving except you only; for even in Thessalonica you sent me help once and again. Not that I seek the gift; but I seek the fruit which increases to your credit.

Hebrews 13:3 Remember those who are in prison, as though in prison with them; and those who are ill-treated, since you also are in the body.

2 Corinthians 1:7 Our hope for you is unshaken; for we know that as you share in our sufferings, you will also share in our comfort.

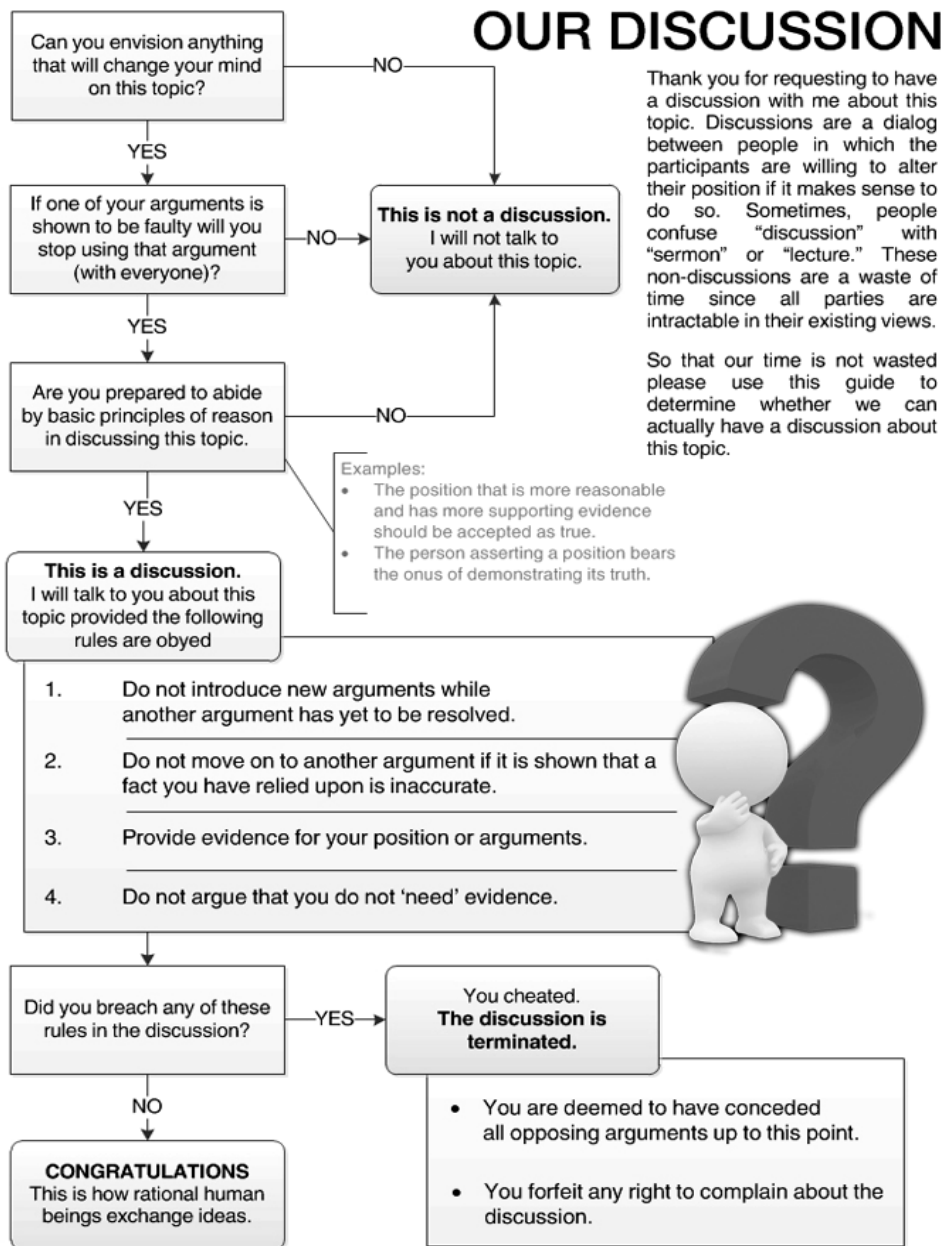
2 Corinthians 8:1-4 ff We want you to know, brethren, about the grace of God which has been shown in the churches of Macedo'nia, for in a severe test of affliction, their abundance of joy and their extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of liberality on their part. For they gave according to their means, as I can testify, and beyond their means, of their own free will, begging us earnestly for the favor of taking part in the relief of the saints--

Romans 8:15-17 For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the spirit of sonship. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is the Spirit himself bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

This chart comes from an atheist source. I think there is a lot of wisdom in it – especially as it applies to engaging in religious arguments. Are we engaging in a real discussion or only preaching without listening.

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OUR DISCUSSION



News

Tim Hall, son of Wayne T. Hall requests birthday cards of "well wishes" for Wayne to be delivered to him at a birthday party he is planning for his dad on January 25. Cards can be sent to Tim Hall, 12019 Comanche Trail, Huntsville, Alabama 35803.

Betty Schroeder, a former member of the Safford Church of Christ, will be moving to a new home . After Jan the 20th her new address will be: 9113 CR7640, Wolfforth TX 79382. Her cell phone and email address will remain the same.

Dave Morse's birthday is January 23. Here is Brother Morse's current address:

SAVAHCS
Dave Morse Bldg. 60
RM. 139 E
3601 S. 6th Ave.
Tucson AZ 85723

For the return address, use Brother Morse's home address so he will still receive it if he is discharged before receiving mail correspondences:

Dave Morse
P.O. Box 1186, Pima AZ
85543

Potluck today after A.M. worship.

Prayer List:

Healing: Ben Atchley's family, Jerry Robinson's mother Norma. Mike and Sandy Cavasos, Faye Atchley, Nicolas and Annie Self, Jonda Gardner, Dave Morse, Richard Tuey.

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