

Church of God Big Sandy

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Dec. 17, 2022 • 1:00 p.m. • Sunset 5:16

Bible studies

Interactive study—1:00 p.m.
Presentation study—2:00

Bruce Graham
Bill Crow
(Also transmitted live)

Order of service—3:00 p.m.

Song leader
Pianist
Scripture reading
Sermon

Ron Avey
Dixon Cartwright
Hebrews 8:1-13
Bill Crow

Quick takes

1. Welcome to guest speaker—The congregation welcomes Bill Crow, who will be giving a Bible study and a sermon.
2. Baptism last Sunday—We are happy to announce that Wendy Forrestier was baptized on Sunday, Dec. 11. (She had a private ceremony in her home with her husband, Deric, and Dave Havir attending.)
3. Please remember to pray for the following people who are not able to regularly attend our church service.
 - Mickey Ashcraft
 - David and Becky Bonilla
 - Timberly Dunnam
 - Elaine Holloway
 - Annette Payne
 - Ruth Roe
 - Sonny Rosenberger
 - Ronnie Shirley
 - Elaine Townsend
 - Donna Weese
4. Edifying the Body—This week's article is "Marriage Is a Truth That Cannot Be Redefined" by Star Parker.
5. Among Friends—This week's article is "1 Corinthians 7:6-16" by Dave Havir.

6. Eye on the World—Since this week's "Eye on the World" was completed on Tuesday, it has only 29 pages. (This edition has 243 headlines.)

7. Bulletin completed on Tuesday—Since the bulletin was completed on Tuesday, it does not have the latest prayer requests.

Thought for the week

"Israel to establish nuclear-fusion research institute after U.S. success."—*jpost.com*

Another thought for the week

"Country-music star John Rich launches patriotic bank with Ben Carson and Larry Elder, claiming they will 'never cancel law-abiding customers.' "—*dailywire.com*

Thought with a twist

How would you make a marriage work? A 9-year-old boy answered: "Tell your wife that she looks pretty, even if she looks like a dump truck."



"1 Corinthians 7:6-16"

This article is from the "Among Friends" section of the Church of God Big Sandy's website (churchofgodbigandy.com). It was posted for the weekend of Dec. 17, 2022.

By Dave Havir

BIG SANDY, Texas—For many weeks, I have conducted a Wednesday-night Bible study and then summarized the material in the weekly "Among Friends" article on the following Saturday.

Since I didn't conduct the Bible study last Wednesday, I decided to write some more about the previous Bible study and the previous article. I concluded that study and that article by mentioning 1 Corinthians 7:6-15. I concluded last week's article with the following three bullet points.

- 1 Corinthians 7:6-9—Paul's opinion to the unmarried.

- 1 Corinthians 7:10-11—Paul's bold proclamation to the married.
- 1 Corinthians 7:12-15—Paul's opinion to the rest.

Opinion to the unmarried

1 Corinthians 7:6 (in King James)—“But I speak this by permission, and not of commandment.”

1 Corinthians 7:6 (in New King James)—“But I say this as a concession, not as a commandment.”

What was Paul's opinion to his friends?

- *1 Corinthians 7:7-9*—Paul recommended that all people should remain single, but they should get married if they couldn't contain themselves.

Later in that chapter, he further explained the reasoning for his opinion.

- *1 Corinthians 7:25*—This advice was not a commandment from the Lord, but Paul's personal judgment.
- *1 Corinthians 7:26*—Paul gave that opinion because of his view of the "present stress."
- *1 Corinthians 7:27*—Paul wrote that the married should remain married and the single should remain single.
- *1 Corinthians 7:28*—Paul wrote that marrying was not a sin, but he wanted to spare people from trouble as he viewed the troubles in the world at that time.
- *1 Corinthians 7:29-31*—Paul thought time was short.
- *1 Corinthians 7:32*—Paul wrote that the unmarried could focus more upon the Lord.
- *1 Corinthians 7:33*—Paul wrote that the married naturally spent time caring about their spouse and their family.
- *1 Corinthians 7:34*—Paul wrote that there was a difference because a single person can spend more time for the Lord, while a married person should spend more time for the spouse.

- *1 Corinthians 7:35*—Paul wrote that he was giving his opinion to be helpful, not trying to control the people. His words in the King James were to not "cast a snare upon you" and his words in the New King James were to not "put a leash on you."

Bold proclamation to the married

1 Corinthians 7:10-11—"Now to the married I command, yet not I but the Lord: A wife is not to depart from her husband. But even if she does depart, let her remain unmarried or be reconciled to her husband. And a husband is not to divorce his wife."

Opinion to the rest

1 Corinthians 7:12—"But to the rest I, not the Lord, say . . ."

We notice two concepts.

- Paul identified his writing at that time as his opinion—but it is generally now accepted as part of the biblical canon.
- Who are "the rest"?

In *1 Corinthians 7:12-16*, Paul wrote about believers who were married to someone not of their religious beliefs.

- *1 Corinthians 7:12*—Paul wrote that, if the unbelieving wife was willing to live with a believing husband, don't divorce her.
- *1 Corinthians 7:13*—Paul wrote that, if the unbelieving husband was willing to live with a believing wife, don't divorce him.
- *1 Corinthians 7:14*—Paul wrote that the unbelieving mate was sanctified by the believing mate—and the children were considered holy.
- *1 Corinthians 7:15*—Paul wrote that, if the unbelieving mate left, the believing mate was not under bondage in such cases.
- *1 Corinthians 7:16*—Then Paul wrote a question about the possibility of the believing mate helping to save the unbelieving mate.