

KEEPING THE FAITH

Where families make eternal homes



"Keeping the faith and a good conscience, which some have rejected and suffered shipwreck in regard to their faith."

1 Timothy 1:19

Longest Word

The longest word in the English language is some scientific word for a protein that is 189,819 letters long. Some would say, that's not really a word. The longest word found in standard dictionaries is pneumonoultramicroscopicsilicovolcanoconiosis. It's a disease that you get in your lungs from breathing in volcanic ash. The longest word in the Bible is Mahershalalhashbaz, the name of Isaiah's second son that represented impending doom on Israel from Assyria. However, as long as these words are, there is a word that is longer than any of these.

The word that I am talking about is a word that is as long as the ocean is deep. It is as long as the back is from the front. It is as long as the east is from the west. It is as long as seventy times seven. It is the word "forgiveness." Yes, I know there are

only eleven letters in that word, but there is no end to it because when you have been forgiven, you know how far away your sins are, and it is much bigger than eleven letters. Psalm 103:12 says, "As far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgressions from us." Isaiah 38:17 says, "For You have cast all my sins behind Your back." Micah 7:19 says, "You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea." "Then Peter came to Him and said, 'Lord, how often shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? Up to seven times?' Jesus said to him, 'I do not say to you, up to seven times, but up to seventy times seven.'" (Matthew 18:21-22). Out of all the words in the English language, "forgiveness" is the longest, because it never quits as long as we keep asking.

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Sunday
Worship: 9:30 a.m.
Lord's Supper: 11:30 a.m.
Wednesday
7:00 pm

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"And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose." – Romans 8:28



Questions From the Church: Are We Born In Sin? (Psalm 51:5)

Does Psalm 51:5 teach that babies are born in sin? The New King James Version translates Psalm 51:5, "Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, And in sin my mother conceived me." The English Standard Version, American Standard Version, New American Standard Bible, and Revised Standard Version translate this verse almost identically as the NKJV. The King James Version says: "Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me." In contrast, the New International Version says, "Surely I was sinful at birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me." The Christian Standard Bible says, "Indeed, I was guilty when I was born; I was sinful when my mother conceived me." The NIV and CSB translations declare explicitly that David was born in sin.

In the KJV, NKJV, ESV, ASV, NASB, and RSV, the prepositional phrases "in iniquity," and "in

sin" are adverbial modifying the two verbs "was brought forth," and "conceived" respectively. Interpreted literally, it wasn't David that sinned, but his mother. Obviously, that isn't what David is saying. Rather, he is expressing the depth of his guilt after Nathan the prophet confronted him about his adultery with Bathsheba and murder of her husband Uriah. That means that this passage must not be understood literally, but figuratively. The NIV and CSB strip this figure away and make the language literal when it is not. David was expressing the depth of his guilt by figuratively extending it to his mother's conception and birth of him. This is not an objective statement about David's birth; it is a subjective statement about how David felt about his birth after He sinned. So, this verse teaches that David felt very badly about his sin; it does not teach that babies are born in sin.

Family News

- **Faye Bonner** had two successful surgeries. Sister Bonner's pathology results came back negative, cancer free. We praise God for His awesome mercy.
- **Jason Downey's mother** is now off oxygen and continues to recuperate at home. The Downey's are very appreciative of our prayers on his mother's behalf.
- **Kathy Johnson** continues to suffer from congestion, chills and fever. Please keep her in your prayers as any illness can affect her heart.
- **Matthew Carter** had successful follow-up surgery to place a stent to relieve pressure.
- **Sandlyn Fultz**, a victim of childhood cancer has reason for cancer relapse. Please add her to your prayer list.
- **Karen Christian** suffers every day with chronic pain. In the last few days she been suffering from cold/flu-like symptoms.
- **Mel, Lara and entire family** requests our ardent prayers for adoption issues that have arisen.
- **Teen Class** will be hosted at Tim Hamrick's house at 5:30 p.m. Please make plans to attend. Bring a friend and your Bible.
- **Spanish/English** services at 4:00 p.m.
- Our next **Ecclesiastes** class will be 12/17/2019 at 10:00 am (at church building) and at 7:00 pm (place TBD).

Worship Assignments

Deacon in the Back: Gregory Hamrick
PPT: Michael Merritt; Security: Keith Taylor; Lock-up: Jason McLane

Sunday 12-08-2019

Song leader: Tim Hamrick

Opening prayer: Brad Marshall

Collection scripture:
Exodus 35:21-22, 29

Serving at Table:
Greg Bradley - Rob Ellis
Ken Nichols - Michael Key
Tommy Dennis - Conner Burleson

Sermon (1) Ed Rangel (The Lion and the Lamb
Sermon (2) Benjamin Muñoz

Prayer before class: Lewis Johnson
Closing Prayer: Jason Downey

Wednesday 12-11-2019
Song leader: Jeff Ferry
Prayers: Michael Kelley/Jerry Johnson
Exhortation: Ed Rangel