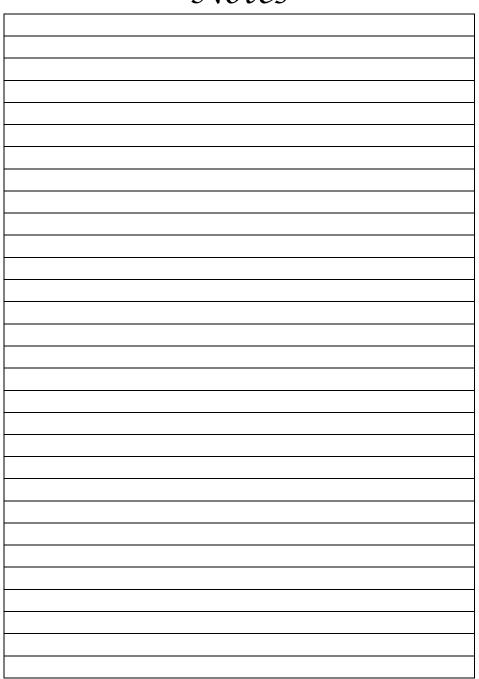
Notes





FEBRUARY 3, 2019

Meeting Times

Sunday

Bible Class 9:30am

Worship 10:30am

Worship 6:00pm

Wednesday

Bible Class 7:00pm

Ladies Bible Class meets Wednesdays at 10am

Proving Your Faith

Wayne Jackson

How do we know that Jesus Christ is truly the Son of God? Is our faith based merely upon tradition? Is faith the result of religious fanaticism? No, genuine faith stands firmly upon evidence.

After the conversion of Saul of Tarsus, the newly appointed apostle entered the Jewish synagogues and "proclaimed Jesus, that he is the son of God" (Acts 9:20). His message continually amazed those who heard it. It seemed incredible that one who had so opposed the Christian Way could now be one of its most zealous advocates.

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The historian Luke informed his readers that Saul increased in strength, and he "confounded the Jews that lived in Damascus, proving that this is the Christ" (Acts 9:22).

Of interest in this passage is the term "proving." It is a translation of the Greek word sumbibazon. It is a present tense participle form, which suggests that Paul's preaching was characterized consistently by a demonstrative line of argumentation. The original term, from an etymological viewpoint means "to bring together," as when, for example, parts of the body are brought together (i.e., tied together) by sinew, ligament, etc. (see Ephesians 4:16).

In the context of Acts 9:22, the word connotes bringing together pieces of information from which a logical conclusion is drawn. In "proving" to the Jews that Jesus is the "Christ" (i.e., the promised Old Testament Messiah), Paul would have: (1) introduced specific Old Testament prophecies concerning the coming Messiah; (2) compared those predictions with factual data that pertained to Jesus of Nazareth; and, (3) from the preceding, he would have drawn irresistible conclusions that no rational and honest person could deny.

The critic who alleges that Christianity is merely emotional, and not intellectual, simply does not know the facts.

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Order of Service				
	Opening Remarks Song Leader		Sam Tarbet Tom Barr	
	Song #388	Let Every Heart Rejoice and Sir	18	
	Song #404	Looking to Thee		
	Prayer		Sam Phillips	
	Song #622	Tell Me the Story of Jesus		
	Communion		Ray Parks	
			Jarrett Haydon	
	Song #473	O How I Love Jesus		
	Song #572	Send the Light		
	Sermon		Clay Bond	
	Song #312	I'll Be a Friend to Jesus		
	Offering			

Hide Me, Rock of Ages

Announcements:

Closing Remarks

Dismissal Prayer

Song #821

Today! Pot Luck Fellowship after morning worship

Wednesday Devotional

Jan. 30th Ray Feb. 6th Holton Feb. 13th Chris

...Praver List...

Sam Tarbet

Wendell Harrison

Gay Kyle, Kathy Ivanciw's mother Shirley, Butch Crownover, Chris' cousin Tyler, Melvin Wright, Chris' nephew Colt

Remember our college students who are away at school: Jarrett & Luke Haydon

Shut-Ins: Robbi George

Attendance: Sunday AM: 33 PM: 36 Wednesday: 28 Contribution: \$2829.23