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# *Insight...*

***And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins.***

***Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished.***

***If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied.***

***But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead...***

I Corinthians 15:17-20a

- **The grandkids were over and little Joe...** was leafing through a very old German Bible that was kept on display in the living room. The pictures were big, colorful and beautiful. The Words didn't make sense but the letters were impressively ornate – especially the letters that began each chapter. Everything about this Bible...its smell, the way it felt and the way it looked told him it was very, very old. When he tipped the Bible up to better catch the light an old leaf that some had pressed between the pages many years ago fell out. Joe immediately shouted out, “*Grandma, grandma look what I found.*” “*What is it dear?*” his grandmother asked from the kitchen. “*I’m not exactly sure, but I think it may be Adam’s underwear.*”
  
- **A joint report...**last year by Barna and the American Bible Society found 81 percent of American adults consider themselves “highly,” “moderately,” or “somewhat” knowledgeable about the Bible. But less than half could name its first five books, and just as many respondents thought John the Baptist was a disciple. [Breakpoint, God’s story on YouTube by John Stonestreet 8/25/15]
  
- **To help push back against Bible illiteracy,** Tim Mackie, a PhD in Semitic languages who pastors Door of Hope Church in Portland, Oregon, partnered with communications entrepreneur Jonathan Collins to bring Scripture to life on YouTube through what they call, **The Bible Project**. It is a series of animated videos that walk through the narrative of the Bible book-by-book and theme-by-theme. Every book of the Bible has a narrative structure with its own plot and themes and in the series they will walk you through the structure of each book of the Bible. It is a work in progress but it is good...real good. Go to YouTube and type “The Bible Project” in your search bar. It is easy to find. Check it out and use it. Tell me what you think. P. Dave

- **The Bible...**is like signs on a highway. You don't have to pay attention if you don't care what happens to you or where you're going.
- **Trivia Question:** When Jesus reached Bethany, how many days had Lazarus been in the tomb?
  - A. 1 day
  - B. 3 days
  - C. 4 days
  - D. 7 days

### For Prayer...

- ...Tiffany (Mario) – hospitalized and struggling. Mario is trying to continue to work but needs help with child care and meals. Please contact a staff member if you can help.
- ...Dave (Jean) – Dave has stage 4 cancer: lung & pancreas. We pray for God's healing hand and affective treatment.
- ...Joseph – surgery and test last week. Several issues. Biopsies due this week. Thank you for your continued prayers.
- ...Linda – total knee replacement this past Tuesday. Will start physical rehabilitation on Monday in Baraboo. Regulating pain with meds is hard.
- ...Sale of Homes...
- ...Couples who are fighting serious physical illness together.
 

Jeff & Laurie	Sue (John)	Dave (Jean)
Cheryl (Deane)	Ken & Judy	Tom (Barb)
- ...Our Expectant Mothers
 

Lindsey (Jeremy)	Coty (Steve)	Dolly (John)
Johanna (Joshua)	Lindsay (Evo)	Jill (Dale)
Marianne (Brent)	Elizabeth (Brent)	Angela (Ryan)
Rebekah (Adam)	Britta (Jonah)	Kim (Eddy)

### Worth Revisiting...

*Of all tyrannies, a tyranny sincerely exercised for the good of its victims may be the most oppressive. It would be better to live under robber barons than under omnipotent moral busybodies. The robber baron's cruelty may sometimes sleep, his cupidity (greed) may at some point be satiated; but those who torment us for our own good will torment us without end for they do so with the approval of their own conscience.*

C. S. Lewis

**Trivia Answer:** C. 4 days (John 11:17)



Emma was never shy with her prayer requests.

