

# *7th Annual Youth Forum*

## **EVERTBODY'S "NOT" DOING IT!**

### **Friday, April 1, 2005**

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- 6:30 – 7:00 pm REGISTRATION & FELLOWSHIP
- 7:00 – 7:20 pm WELCOME AND SINGING
- 7:20 – 7:45 pm LESSON ONE  
*Eric Gayle of Austin, Texas*  
● Does The Bible Say "NO" to Drugs?
- 7:45 – 7:55 pm BREAK
- 7:55 – 8:20 pm LESSON TWO  
*Shawn Montandon of Greenville, Texas*  
● What Is Wrong With the Modern Dance?
- 8:20 – 8:30 pm BREAK
- 8:30 – 9:00 pm LESSON THREE  
*Robert R. Taylor, Jr. of Ripley, Tennessee*  
● Didn't Jesus Allow Social Drinking?  
● How Do Young People Get Hurt?
- 9:00 – 10:00 pm FOOD, REFRESHMENTS & FELLOWSHIP

### **Saturday, April 2, 2005**

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- 9:00 – 9:50 am LESSON FOUR  
*Mark Miller of Redwater, Texas*  
● Why Are There So Many Churches?
- 10:00 – 12:15 pm LESSONS 5 & 6  
*Robert R. Taylor, Jr. of Ripley, Tennessee*  
*Johnny Ramsey of Weatherford, Texas*  
*Tom Gaumer of Farmersville, Texas*  
● Open Forum: "Questions About The End of Time"
- 12:15 – 2:00 pm LUNCH BREAK (LOCAL RESTAURANTS)
- 2:00 – 2:50 pm LESSON 7  
*Tom Gaumer of Farmersville, Texas*  
● How Did We Get The Bible?
- 3:00 – 3:50 pm LESSON 8  
*Neal Thurmond of Tyler, Texas*  
● Does the Bible Teach "Original Sin"  
● "Once Saved Always Saved"?
- 4:00 – 4:50 pm LESSON 9

*Speaker?*

● What About Instruments, Choirs, and Solos in Worship?

5:00 – 7:00 pm DINNER BREAK (LOCAL RESTAURANTS)

7:00 – 7:50 pm LESSON 10

*Kevin W. Rhodes of Cleburne, Texas*

● How Can I Effectively Study My Bible?

8:00 – 8:50 pm LESSON 11

*Ken Hope of Garland, Texas*

● Who Is Eligible For Marriage?

### **Sunday, April 3, 2005**

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9:00 – 9:50 am LESSON 12 & BIBLE CLASS HOUR

*Jerry Ball of Bedford, Texas*

● What is the Greatest Challenge Facing The Church Today?

10:00 – 11:15 LESSON 13 & NORMAL WORSHIP HOUR

am *Don Simpson of Ft. Worth, Texas*

● How Do I Receive Forgiveness of My Sins?

11:15 – 1:00 pm LUNCH BREAK (PROVIDED BY THE CHURCH)

1:00 – 1:50 pm LESSON 14

*Daniel T. Haynes of Bedford, Texas*

● Does Prayer Really Work?

2:00 – 2:50 pm LESSON 15 & EVENING WORSHIP HOUR

*John Baker of Edgewood, Texas*

● Who Are What Is The Holy Spirit?

2:50 – 3:00 pm FINAL REMARKS & CONCLUSION  
OF 19TH ANNUAL MABANK LECTURES

## HERESY

Peter warns of false teachers who would “privily bring in destructive heresies” (II Pet. 2:1). Paul labels heresy a work of the flesh, condemned by God (Gal. 5:20). Through the ages the church has been repeatedly plagued by heretics and their destructive teachings. Today is no exception. Heresy refers to egregious doctrinal error and to that which threatens the unity of the church (I Cor. 11:19). The change movement is heretical on both counts. Heresy can affect many different aspects of our faith.

\* There have been heresies about God that promoted distorted views about his nature and being. Unitarians deny his threefold nature. Skeptical clerics and theologians question the rightness and the righteousness of his law.

\* Heresies about Jesus that denied his divinity or his humanity, his authority, his miracles, his atoning death, his resurrection, his reign. Among the early heretics in this category were the Arians.

\* Heresies about the Holy Spirit, his nature and his work. Jehovah’s Witnesses deny his personhood and separate existence.

\* Heresies about salvation; some imposing conditions God has not given, others omitting conditions given by Heaven. Some posit salvation solely on grace, others by works of man’s righteousness. Both are wrong.

\* Heresies about the church, about her nature, her government, her faith, her mission, her worship. Such is the idea that denominationalism is compatible with Christ’s church. The teaching that the church is unimportant to man’s relationship to God is likewise heretical.

\* Heresies about Scripture, denying its inspiration, its authenticity, its reliability and authority. These teachings are at the center of liberal Protestantism.

## THE NATURE OF HERESY

Heresy distorts the true meaning of God’s Word. It denies essential truths that God has given us. It departs from the clear teaching of God’s word, substituting the ideas and opinions of men. It deletes things Christ has made essential to his religion, preferring its own inventions. It is divisive, separating Christians from Christ’s church and from their brethren in Christ. It is diabolical, being promoted by Satan, the father of lies (John 8:44). The Evil One uses heresy to bring disciples under his dominion.

Heresy is like leaven. A little of it will leaven a whole lump, an entire congregation, even an entire brotherhood (I Cor. 5:6). It is like cancer, deadly to those infected by it. Heretics produce more heretics. Their converts are twofold more the sons of hell (Matt. 23: 15). Sir Thomas Browne correctly observed, “Heresies perish not with their authors, but, like the river, Arethusa, though they lose their currents in one place, they rise up again in another.” Heretics must be promptly dealt with or they will destroy Christians and churches who fall under their influence. It is well to remember that “Heresy is better kept out than shook off” (George Herbert). Paul instructs us thusly: “A man that is a heretic, after the first and second admonition, reject; knowing that he that is such is subverted, and sinneth, being condemned of himself” (Tit. 3:10-11 KJV). God does not authorize persecution of heretics but he expects us to reject them. Wise preachers and elders will heed his words!  
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