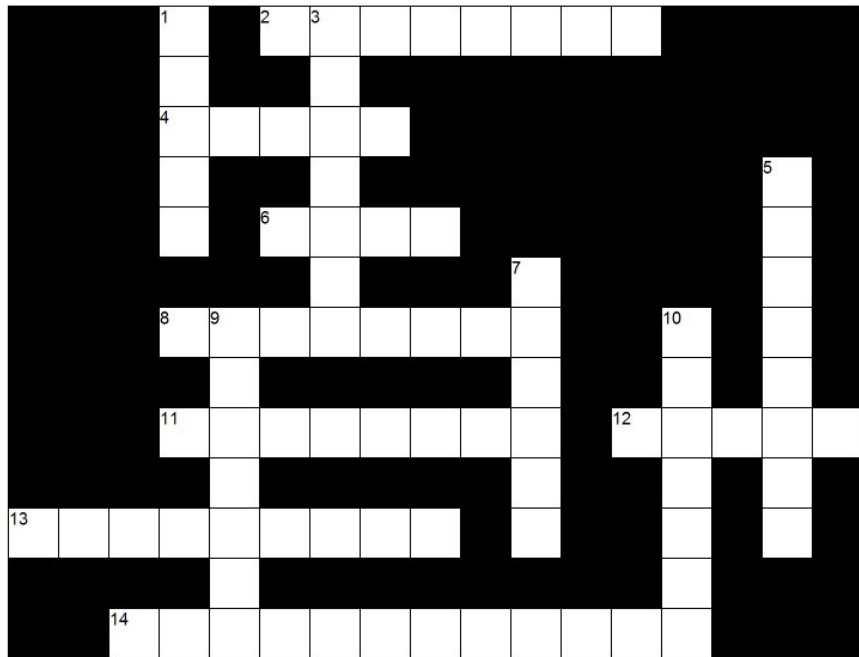


## A Bible Crossword: The Book Of Acts, Part 12

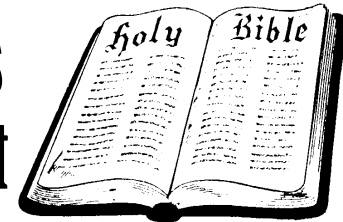


Across: 2. Paul's teacher in the Law of Moses. 4. Paul's citizenship. 6. Paul was told to be baptized and wash these away. 8. Paul was transported to this city to await trial. 11. The Lord appeared to Paul on the road to this city. 12. The governor to whom Paul was sent for trial. 13. Paul claimed membership in this Jewish sect. 14. Paul used his belief in this doctrine to divide the council.

Down: 1. More than this many men conspired to kill Paul. 3. This Jew was sent to tell Paul what to do to be saved. 5. The commander who rescued and arrested Paul was named \_\_\_\_\_ Lysias. 7. The city of Paul's birth. 9. The high priest who ordered Paul to be struck. 10. Paul consented to the death of this martyr.

—All answers can be found in Acts 22-23, NKJV.

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## His Name Is "Monkey"

Lily, our three year old, sleeps with her stuffed monkey. She likes dolls and bears and other toys to cuddle with, but her favorite bed-time buddy is her monkey. Her older sisters recently asked her what her monkey's name was. They wanted her to call him *George* after *Curious George*, but getting Lily to agree wasn't easy. When asked what her monkey's name is, Lily simply says "His name is *Monkey*."

We tend to like adding identifiers to help classify things, and in some cases, make them more personal, but when you're three years old, the world is much more simple. Distinctions such as boy and girl are still unclear. In Lily's mind, she's a Lily. Her monkey is a monkey. Things simply are what they are. Can the same be said of us as Christians? A monkey is a monkey. Is a Christian a Christian?

Jesus warned His disciples, "Beware of the leaven of the Pharisees, which is hypocrisy. For there is nothing covered that will not be revealed, nor hidden that will not be known. Therefore whatever you have spoken in the dark will be heard in the light, and what you have spoken in the ear in inner rooms will be proclaimed on the house-tops" (Luke 12:1b-3).

We live in a world full of artificial, and sometimes, counterfeit things. We call ourselves *Christians*. Is it just a title, or is that what we actually are?  
—RAB

## THE BIBLE OF THE REVOLUTION

In 1782, six years after the signing of the Declaration of Independence, the war wearied colonists who had banned together to form a sovereign nation found themselves in the midst of a spiritual crisis. Before the war had begun colonists could easily obtain English Bibles through the Oxford and Cambridge University presses that were under the authority of the British Crown. In the years before the war it had been illegal to print English Bibles without royal authority in order to protect the accuracy of the sacred text. Yet when the war began and commerce with England was impeded, shipments of Bibles were stopped. This left the deeply religious patriots, who in the Declaration itself had affirmed their "Reliance on the protection of Divine Providence," lacking the very source of their spiritual foundation.

The first step taken to remedy this problem involved the newly formed Continental Congress. In July of 1777 three Philadelphia preachers placed a petition before the body bringing the matter to their attention. The petition stated "...The holy Scriptures contained in the Old and New Testaments are growing so scarce and dear, that we greatly fear that unless timely care be used to prevent it, we shall not have Bibles for our schools and families, and for the public worship of God in our churches."

In response the congress first tried to import Bibles from Holland and Scotland. This proved problematic during wartime. The final solution came in 1782 when the congress promoted the first printing of the English Bible on American soil. It was produced by Philadelphia printer Robert Aiken, and has been known every since that time as "The Bible of the Revolution."

One cannot look back on events such as this and not be

touched by the unique spirit that drove the men and women of the early days of America's history. While I would differ with the Calvinistic teachings (on one extreme) and Unitarian views (on the other extreme) of these "Founding Fathers," at the same time I respect their love for God's Word.

A casual study of literature from this period shows the stark contrast between the people of that time compared to our own age. The early Americans focused their spirits on the content of Scripture. Its principles permeated their language and their treatment of others. American's sixth president, John Quincy Adams illustrates this in claiming - "The first and almost the only Book deserving of universal attention is the Bible."

Such a spirit is sorely needed in our day. The Bible is not an "outdated relic of antiquity," it is as relevant to man now as it has ever been! In Scripture we have the mind of God revealed to man giving to us the "words" that will judge us in the last day (Jno. 12:48). I ask any, who may have questioned the Bible's importance in your life, give it a second chance! Remember -- "The Word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart" (Heb. 4:12).

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