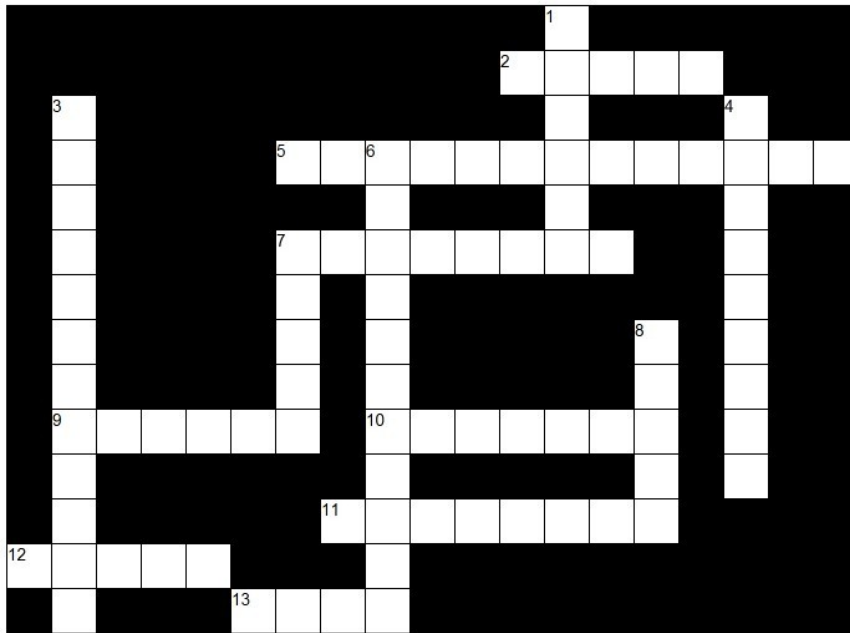


## A Bible Crossword: The Book Of Acts, Part 2

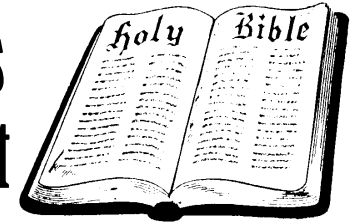


Across: 2. The hour when Peter & John went to the temple to pray. 5. Barnabas means “son of *this*.” 7. The council did this when they saw that Peter & John were untrained. 9. Barnabas was from here. 10. Peter preached from this king’s porch. 11. What the apostles prayed for. 12. The man Peter healed was over this many years in age. 13. The condition of the man Peter healed.

Down: 1. The Jews denied Jesus in the presence of this Roman ruler. 3. The belief taught in Jesus that the Pharisees denied. 4. The name of the gate where Peter healed the man. 6. The builders rejected Him, but Jesus became the chief one. 7. The lawgiver who said God would raise up another prophet like him. 8. The high priest of whom Luke wrote.

—All answers can be found in Acts 3-4, NKJV.

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## The Safe Haven Law

Over the last ten years, all 50 states have passed some sort of "safe haven" law, making it legal for the parents or guardians of newborns to turn over children to the state by simply dropping them off at a hospital or a police station.

Nebraska became the last of the 50 states to institute such a policy, passing a “safe haven” law earlier this year. Their law, suffering from too much generality, has led to unexpected results. Since instituted, 34 children have been left at hospitals, not one of them a newborn. One man brought all of his children, nine of them from age one to seventeen, and left them in the hands of the state.

The Nebraska state legislature convened an emergency session specifically to add an age maximum to the “safe haven” law. State officials fear a last-minute rush by some to get their children dropped off before the law change goes into effect. Their fears may be justified as one man flew in from Miami, Florida this week to abandon his teenage son.

Being a parent can be trying at times. Sometimes I’m short on patience and tall on temper.

Sometimes children are trying. Sometimes they make foolish choices that turn out to be destructive and expensive.

But to simply abandon them...? It seems hard to imagine.

Nevertheless, given the opportunity to be legally absolved of their parental duties, many have chosen to abandon their children.

Isaiah recorded a question God asks Israel: “Can a woman forget her nursing child, And not have compassion on the son of her womb?” (Isaiah 49:15a). It seems unnatural, almost unthinkable, but the answer is “Yes.”

Isaiah continues, “Surely they may forget, Yet I will not forget you” (Isaiah 49:15b). Sometimes parents choose to abandon their children, but God never forgets or abandons His.

God doesn’t always give His children everything they want. Sometimes, for their benefit, He chastens them. Hebrews 12:6-7 say, “For whom the LORD loves He chastens, And scourges every son whom He receives. If you endure chastening, God deals with you as with sons; for what son is there whom a father does not chasten?”

Parents don’t always get it right when it comes to discipline. Indeed, I got in trouble a few times when it really was my sister’s fault. (She surely got in trouble many more times when it really was my fault.) Hebrews 12:9-10 confirms this, saying, “Furthermore, we have had human fathers who corrected us, and we paid them respect. Shall we not much more readily be in subjection to the Father of spirits and live? For they indeed for a few days chastened us as seemed best to them, but He for our profit, that we may be partakers of His holiness.”

Human parents, even the ones doing their very best, are guilty of blundering things from time to time. Even so, we honor the parents who are really trying to do what’s right for their children. How much more, then, should we honor God who always does right? —RAB

## What the Bible Says About Itself

### God wrote it.

2 Peter 1:21: “for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit.”

### Every word is inspired.

2 Timothy 3:16-17: “All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.”

### It will stand forever.

Isaiah 40:8: “The grass withers, the flower fades, But the word of our God stands forever.”

### Mankind is forbidden to alter it.

Deuteronomy 4:2: “You shall not add to the word which I command you, nor take from it, that you may keep the commandments of the LORD your God which I command you.”

—Abbreviated from the Bible Book of Lists

### Prayer List

Keith Copeland	Herman McKenzie	Faye Seiler
Dennis Depew	Louise Moore	Gene Shannon
David Depew	Sara Nance	

### Area Meetings

Various Speakers, Jackson Drive, Thursdays—  
11/26, 12/3, 12/10, 12/17, 12/31  
David Bonner, Pepper Road, December 5-7