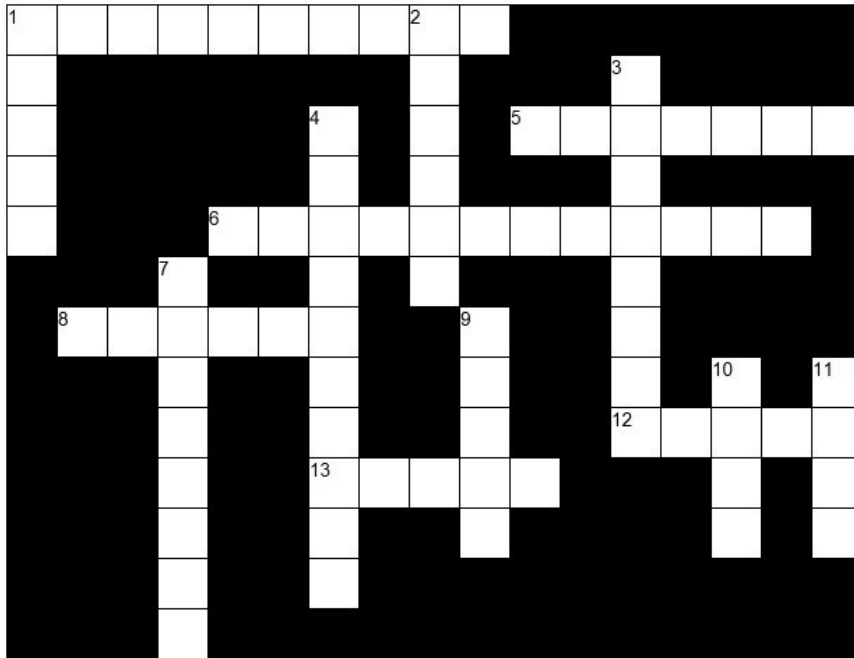


A Bible Crossword: The Book Of Acts, Part 6

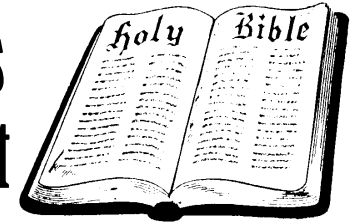


Across: 1. Men from Cyprus and Cyrene preached to people of this background in Antioch. 5. Herod's personal aide to whom Tyre and Sidon went for peace. 6. Those who contended with Peter for baptizing Cornelius believed in the necessity of this. 8. The prophet who foretold of a great famine. 12. She recognized Peter's voice but didn't let him in. 13. One freed Peter from prison.

Down: 1. He stretched out his hand to harass the church. 2. Barnabas went to this city to find Saul. 3. Peter's execution was scheduled to happen after this feast. 4. The disciples were first called this at Antioch. 7. The church in Jerusalem sent him to work with the Antioch church. 9. Herod killed him with the sword. 10. Peter remembered this man's promise of the baptism of the Holy Spirit. 11. The disciples were gathered in her house, praying for Peter. She was John Mark's mother.

—All answers can be found in Acts 11-12, NKJV.

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Footprints In The Snow

Did you hear or read about fourteen-year old Jeff Thornton, who was found in the wilderness of the California mountains in February after getting lost there? He had been snowboarding when he became lost. For nearly a week he was exposed to the severe elements of the season. The rescue team that finally found him was led to him by the footprints that he had left in the snow.

Upon learning of this near tragedy that turned into a blessed event, I contemplated the importance of his footprints. More than those prints left in the snow I turned in thought to our footprints left all along through life.

Each of us is leaving numerous sets of these footprints along the roadway of life. They will be seen by various people, both known and unknown by us. How careful are we in the influence that we leave for others.?

Where do they see us going; what do they see us doing? How concerned are we about our footprints? An attitude of indifference is inexcusable on the part of one claiming to be a Christian. The example of just one person can make the difference between others' going to heaven or to hell.

Where would your footprints lead others? Where would mine show I have been? Would they lead to the homes of the sick and bereaved to render assistance? Would they

take others to the hospital room or to the nursing home to bring cheer and encouragement to someone distressed by illness? Would they lead others to worship and Bible study, or to gospel meetings to obtain spiritual strength or to strengthen others? What a marvelous legacy we leave to others when they behold such footprints. Would they also see us sometimes trying to teach the lost or to encourage the weak and faint?

What about footprints leading to the night club, the beer joint, or the place of vulgar entertainment? How tragic that those claiming to be the Lord's sometimes leave footprints leading where the Lord would not go, unless to retrieve people caught in the web of sin.

May we all examine our footprints, and even our hearts. Do we desire to follow Christ?

-Bobby L. Graham

Anybody Seen A Sinner Lately?

Has anyone seen a plain, old fashioned sinner lately? They are getting mighty hard to find. If the prodigal son were living today (as if he were not) he wouldn't be a sinner. A juvenile delinquent perhaps, but his parents would be to blame for that. "There are no bad boys," you know. His wild oats are just youthful exuberance, a normal rebellion against unjust society. He must be free to "adjust positively."

There are no LIARS today. These fine people are simply extroverts, with imaginative talents that should be properly channeled. They evidence creative ability, their instability is a facet of their capacity for free uninhibited thought. They may become great poets, lawyers, or preachers.

The DRUNKARD is not really a sinner. He has an inferiority complex and makes a mechanical adjustment (albeit a liquid one) to the problems of today. Besides that, he is sick. He beats his wife, starves his children, and is a scourge to society, so he needs our sympathetic understanding.

ADULTERY may be sin in far-off slum districts but not among movie stars or popular public figures. And don't even mention the word when we get close to home. Here is simply a case of biological maladjustment. The pervert was denied "free discussion" at home; his parents were old-fashioned and believed in common decency. His sin, I mean "mistake," is a fault of modern society.

But maybe the MURDERER is a sinner - just Maybe! On the other hand, he may be the victim of some early traumatic experience. His mother was overprotective. He was greatly inhibited. He was never allowed to throw his Cheerios off the high-chair tray, so now he pushes his wife off Brooklyn Bridge. Poor fellow!

There may be an element of truth in all these descriptions, but one element, very necessary for correction, is lacking. We are overlooking the moral element.

Our generation needs psychiatry, but it also need moral responsibility, to recognize SIN for what it is - SIN. We must cease to substitute Freud for Jesus Christ, the "Great Physician" who takes away the sins of the world. With the prodigal, we must say, "I have SINNED!"

-Author Unknown

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