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— Think On These Things —



Ever heard of Zeus, Apollo, or Thor? Ancient cultures often had an interesting approach to explaining the world around them. For instance, they did not understand where thunder and lightning came from. They imagined it was caused by a powerful, supernatural being, perhaps as a result of their rage and anger. Zeus was the name the Greeks gave to the “god of lightning and thunder.” In a sense, anytime these ancients could not explain something, they attributed it to a mythical god. This typical association is where the phrase “god of the gaps” comes from. Skeptics often accuse Christians of invoking “god of the gaps” arguments when defending our worldview. They believe that when we see something so complex we can’t figure out how it could have developed on its own, over time, we just say, “Well, that’s proof that God did it!” So, is it true that Christians use “god of the gaps” reasoning to defend our beliefs? Not hardly.

Christians DO NOT look at the world around them from a NEUTRAL standpoint and then conclude that because things are so complex, they must have been created by God. However, we do recognize the extreme complexity of many things to be evidence of purposeful design. If we are so easily capable of detecting design in everyday objects, such as a cell phone, a car, or Mt. Rushmore, doesn’t it make sense we should be able to detect design in the living world, especially when its complexities ‘blow away’ anything we have created ourselves? In reality, it is the skeptic who invokes the “god of the gaps,” except theirs would be called “time of the gaps” or “future discoveries of the gaps.” They often say something like: “Well, it may seem impossible given our current, short-lived experience, but if you have millions of years, anything is possible.” That’s not actually true. Time doesn’t do ANYTHING. Only events that occur during that time can DO something. Or they say, “Well, we don’t have an answer now, but some day we will.” This statement is not science but, rather, exercising “faith” that one day they may have the solution.

Instead of a “god of the gaps,” Christians believe in “THE God of THE Gap.” We created a GAP (an infinite gap) between ourselves and God when we sinned (and continue to sin). He (God) bridged that gap through His Son (Jesus Christ). Have you taken advantage of that freely given Bridge, or are you still trying to “bridge the gap” on your own?

Adapted from article by Jay Seegert, see <https://www.thestartingpointproject.com/qom-apr-2024.html> for full article.

April Bdays: 7 Rick 9 Sarah 19 Parker 24 Ron 25 Mike B **Anniv.:** none

April Memory Challenge: [Romans 10:9-10](#) If you declare with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved. NKJV Pick up a verse card on the back table to help you memorize God’s Word



HERITAGE BIBLE CHURCH

April 7, 2024



Jesus answered and said to her, “Whoever drinks of this water will thirst again, ¹⁴but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst. But the water that I shall give him will become in him a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life.”
John 4:13-14 (NKJV)

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Heritage Bible Church

Let Us Worship the Lord Jesus Christ!

Come, Christians, Join to Sing – Hymnal #225

Welcome

Only a Holy God – Blue Book #118

Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus – Hymnal #284

How Deep the Father's Love for Us – Blue Book #24

Worship Through Communion

His Mercy Is More – Blue Book #96

Worship Through Prayer

Wonderful, Merciful, Savior – Blue Book #74

Worship Through the Word

Doxology – Hymnal #815

We're glad you have joined us here today or via live stream. If you do not have a regular church family, we welcome you to join us each week as we gather to worship God and learn more from His Word, the Bible. If you have questions about what it means to have the gift of eternal life, please talk to one of us. We would love to share with you, from the Bible, about this eternally important topic. You can listen to recent sermons and Bible study audio at BibleChurchInStCharles.org Our doctrinal statement and upcoming events are there too.

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If you would like to talk with Pastor Dave or another of our elders, please call 314-549-8224.

April Announcements

Sun 7th – 6pm Kids' Club & Adult Study

Mon 8th – 7pm Missouri Association of Creation @ Droste

Tues 9th – No Ladies' Study

Wed 10th – Prayer Time, call someone

Sun 14th – 10am Service. 6pm Kids' Club & Adult Study

Jun 3-7th VBS, June 24-28 IFCA Youth Conv, July 22-26 Camp Sunago 3rd-6th grade IFCA camp

Giving: Budgeted- Monthly \$9226

Rcvd in Mar \$12441

YTD budget \$27678

YTD Rcvd \$35242

Eric Smith, HBC elder
The Needy Samaritan Woman

John 4:1-15

Introduction:

I. Gods Timing. (vs 1-3)

A. Jesus _____ God's plan.

B. Jesus _____ to God's timing.

II. God's appointed time. (4-8)

A. The right _____.

B. The right _____.

C. The right _____ arrives.

D. The right _____ asked.

III. God's appointed conversation. (9-10)

A. Samaritan woman _____ Jesus.

B. Jesus's _____.

IV. God's answer is eternal. (11-15)

A. Samaritan woman is focused on _____ and _____.

B. Jesus is focused on her _____.

Conclusion: