

# Consider The Source

By Mike Riley

The information that we gain through reading (whether it is from the printed page or from a computer screen), comes into our minds through our senses. In a sense, we are all sponges, soaking up raw materials of knowledge in all our waking hours.

However, there is a problem with this process. We can be fooled on two levels. First, we can be mistaken about the sensory input we take in. We have all had the experience of being incorrect about something we “thought” was true. This happens when we fail to think correctly, as when we allow emotion to overrule reason.

Ignorance is the state of affairs wherein people believe false things to be true. Ignorance is a result of being incorrect about the facts associated with a matter coupled with faulty thinking. It is the partnership of factual error and absence of logic (cf. Matthew 22:41-46; Mark 12:18-27) .

Nowhere is this principle more important than in religion. In the Bible, God has provided all we need in order to know His truth about our spiritual lives (John 17:17; 2 Peter 1:3). The Bible is the only repository of revealed, specific, and absolute truth about how to live a life of faith (Romans 10:17).

God teaches us how to think in two ways. First, the world around us is testimony to rational process. Things work a specific way. Gravity is what it is, not whatever somebody wants it to be. That’s the way thought is to be, logical and rational. Second, He provided in the Bible examples of people thinking as He wants us to think. Romans 1:18-32 is a perfect example of God using His creation and the biblical text to show us how to correctly think.

When we think about our spiritual life, let us remember to examine both the source of the information we are thinking about, and how we are thinking about it (Romans 12:2; Acts 17:11). Are we getting our information from a televangelist, who is also asking for our money, or are we receiving our information from a careful contextual study of the Bible?

Dear reader, the source from which we get our spiritual information does makes a difference. Are we thinking only with our emotions, or with our mind? How we think does make a tremendous difference in how we perceive information. And what difference does that make? It is simply the difference between right and wrong according to the standard of God’s word (John 17:17; cf. Psalm 119:142; Psalm 119:151; Psalm 119:172).

Regarding spiritual matters, let’s seriously consider the source of our information and think about it very carefully (John 8:32; John 12:48; John 17:17 cf. Ephesians 5:11-17 ASV; Ephesians 3:1-4 ASV). It could very well mean the difference between eternal life and eternal damnation (Matthew 25:31-46).



## STERLINGTON Church of Christ



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Sunday Morning Bible Classes - 9:30 AM  
Sunday Morning Worship - 10:30 AM  
Sunday Evening Worship - 5:00 PM  
Wednesday Evening Classes - 6:00 PM.

8/29/21

# Welcome Visitors

If you are seeking a church home, we hope that you will consider joining with us. We are a growing congregation, dedicated to worshipping in truth and spirit. Please fill out the Visitor's Card and place it in the collection plate!

**Elders:**

Todd Chapman  
Paul Simpson

**Deacons:**

Wayne Fowler David Garris  
Billy Granger Buddy Hollis

**Preacher:**

Don Delukie

## Those to Serve

Today

**Announcements-** Todd Chapman    **Lord's Table-** Paul Simpson  
**Opening prayer-** Jerry McDonald    **Closing Prayer -** Travis Rogers

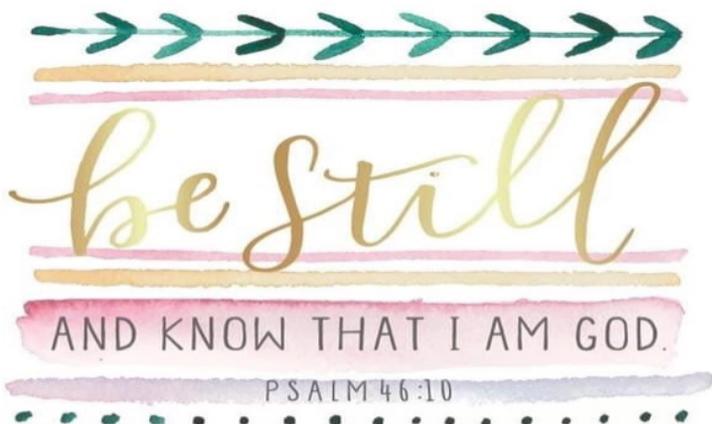
September 5th

**Announcements-** Gary Harris    **Lord's Table-** Paul Simpson  
**Opening prayer-** Wayne Fowler    **Closing Prayer -** Lyle Russell

- Communion will utilize self-contained, sealed cups available in the foyer. **Please pick one up upon arrival.**
- Giving is available at a central collection container in the foyer.

## Announcements

—**New Church Website:** Check out our new church website at [www.sterlingtonchurchofchrist.com](http://www.sterlingtonchurchofchrist.com)



# Dates to Remember

**September 5** - Birthday & Anniversary Celebration  
**September 12** - Presentation of webpage after PM Services  
**September 19** - Potluck after AM Services

## Please Pray For:

Susie McGough, Melvin Tuggle, Elizabeth Hollis, Randy Hall, Jeremy & Gena Granger, Joanne Randolph, Brenda Fricke, Marla Lindsey MacIntire, Sandra Nappier, Gary Guice, Brenda Thomas, Steve Shockey, Kelli Granger.

**Bereaved:** Families of Gavin Simmons, Dewy Roberson, Marshall Sanders, Robert Steed, Elizabeth O'Connor.

## Continue to Pray For:

Shirley Goodwin, Bobby Barker, Dinky Douglas, Cyndi Powell, Betsy Culp, Heath Ray, Terrance Dawson, Ann Bolden, Jamie Ross, Charlie McDaniel Jr, Lewis Bedele, Cindy Jenny, Gay Black, Adam White.

## Weekly Bible Reading Plan

Epistles (Sunday)	The Law (Monday)	History (Tuesday)	Psalms (Wednesday)	Poetry (Thursday)	Prophecy (Friday)	Gospels (Saturday)
□ 2Tim 1-2	□ Num. 9-12	□ 1Chr 15-19	□ Ps 102-104	□ Prov. 20-21	□ Hosea 8-14	□ John 10-12



### August birthdays

- 2 – Larry Silmon
- 4 - Brenda Fricke
- 6 - Sandy Van Loon
- 8 - Travis Rodgers
- 20 - Leo Goodwin
- 30 - David Garris

### August anniversaries

- 3 - Paul and Wanda Simpson
- 13 - Jerry and Joyce McDonald
- 14 - James and Lorene Johnson
- 20 - Wes and Whitney Chapman



### September birthdays

- 1 - Todd Chapman
- 9 - Carlton Hollis
- 17 - Sherry Miller
- 18 - Wanda Simpson
- 22 - Eloise Smith
- 22 - Jodie Chisley
- 27 - Shirley Goodwin

### September anniversaries

- 5 - Matt and Danielle Scharf
- 25 – Lyle and Miriam Russell