

# Southeast Sower

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## The Southeast Church Of Christ Meets At:

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### Services:

#### SUNDAY:

- 10AM Bible Study
- 10:50AM Worship
- 6PM Worship

#### WEDNESDAY

- 7:30PM Worship

## God's Plan of Salvation

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|---------------|-----------|
| Hear          | Rom.      |
| 10:17         |           |
| Believe       | Heb. 11:6 |
| Repent        | Acts 2:38 |
| Confess       | Matt.     |
| 10:32         |           |
| Be Baptized   | Mark      |
| 16:16         |           |
| Stay Faithful | Rev.2: 10 |

*Isaiah 45:12 "I have made the earth, and created man upon it: I, even my hands, have stretched out the heavens, and all their host have I commanded"*

## Water Colors

I have two granddaughters that I see occasionally and they have an interest in art and drawing so we sometimes smear a little water color around and snicker at the result.

Let me say up-front that I am not an artist, not a painter, not talented enough to paint even a chicken coop, more or less a picture. When Tom and Jim painted our storage shed they did not solicit my help and for valid reasons.

Anyhow, these two girls, age 8 and 10 know more about painting than I. They explained to me that there are three primary colors from which all colors can be produced. These colors are red, blue and yellow. Nice to know. They further explained that the colors of the visible spectrum are red, orange, yellow, green, blue, indigo and violet. They explained the function of a prism; how that the sunlight passing through rain drops acts as a prism producing a rainbow displaying the colors of the visible spectrum. Again, nice to know.

This they learned in school. What they did not understand was the significance of what they had learned. Let me explain that I am not hung up on numerology, but I cannot ignore some numbers that reoccur from time to time in the Scriptures and also that I am not much of a believer in coincidences, at least as far as the Bible is concerned.

There are three (3) primary colors. Three is a reoccurring number in the Scriptures. Have you counted the number of colors in the visible spectrum, which was listed previously? Yep, there are seven (7), another interesting number. I am not sure how much to make of this this observation but there is one thing I know for sure; these colors, and the physical laws that enable them, were put in place by the Hand of God during the time of creation. Those laws are inviolable If you wanted to change them you would not be able to.

They are as immutable as all the laws of creation put in place by God. It is not within our own power to change, modify or destroy them. You can close your eyes, wear sunglasses or try to ignore them but you cannot change them, destroy them or make them go away. They can withstand a nuclear explosion and still display the subtle color of a daffodil or the blue in a baby's eyes. You can supply your own examples much more poetically than I, but you get the idea. I can only marvel at God's creation and I am humbled at its magnificence.

Maybe Mr. Darwin never saw a rainbow before, or maybe he was never blessed with a granddaughter. If so, then it is no wonder he let his imaginatipn get out of

hand.

-Jerry Dailey

## “A Christian Nation”

I have often heard politicians, historians, reports and many others refer to the United States as a “Christian” nation, a nation that was built and rooted in the Christian faith. All my life, throughout all my years in school, I have been told this. Likewise, for years I believed this without giving it much thought.

The definition of a Christian is one who is a follower of Christ. When I study and research the main ideologies of the major religious groups who first settled and established a society in America, I question, more and more, this claim that America is a Christian nation. If a nation is to be described as something, should it not resemble at least a few characteristics of the description? We can say that the government system is not a tyranny, true. We can say, or at least agree, that our constitution is constructed to grant equal rights and freedoms to all, regardless of race, education, language, etc... But can we define America as a Christian nation, or even claim it was built on true Christian ideals?

To be a Christian one must be willing to submit their life to Christ and put aside their own will for the sake of His will, as Jesus demonstrated when He prayed in Luke 22:39-44 “Father if it be Thy will, take this cup from Me. Yet not My will, but Yours be done.” In understanding the several religious ideologies that were most prevalent in the founding of America as a nation, Christ’s will was not done or a priority. We can know this by seeing the doctrines that were being preached such as: predestination, Catholicism and its teachings, direct operation of the Holy Spirit, and the list continues.

Today, we can agree, America is not a Christian nation, but was it ever truly a Christian nation? Maybe you agree it was not, or maybe you think it was. Either way it does not matter what America was before because those times are past and we cannot change or correct what has already been done. However, we can make a difference in the present, which could have an influence on the future. It is a fact that today America is corrupt. It is a fact that you live in this corrupt society. It is also a fact that you have the power to have a positive influence on our society. All it takes is for you to live a godly life and do the best you can to teach others. By having a godly influence on just one individual you can lead numerous others to Christ. So do not sit back and give up on society and say it is “too corrupt.” What is someone had said you were “too sinful” to save? Is our God not the Almighty God, the God who created the universe? While there is still time, stand up and take action, and maybe America can become a Christian nation.

-Jordon Smith

### **Romans 1:16**

“For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek.”

**John 14:23** “If a man love Me, he will keep My words: and My Father will love him, and We will come unto him and make our abode with him.”

**Matt 5:16** “Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.”

### **1<sup>ST</sup> Thess. 5:17**

“Pray without ceasing.”