

Babel Wasn't All Babble

(Genesis 11:1-9)

- Introduction:
1. From this tragic Old Testament account comes some valuable New Testament lessons.
 2. Let's examine the account of the Tower of Babel and see if there aren't some very applicable take-aways for us today.

I. The Account Of The Tower Of Babel

- A. (Genesis 11:1-9).
- B. Because of pride, the people begin to build a city with a large tower.
- C. God was not pleased with their effort, so He confuses their language and brings a halt to the building.

II. Three Essential Qualities Of Church Growth

- A. They Were Willing To Work.
 1. (Genesis 11:3-4,6).
 2. Sometimes "every little bit helps" is merely an excuse that salves our consciences.
 3. (1 Peter 3:15).
- B. There Were United.
 1. (Genesis 11:6).
 2. We need to be united.
 - a. (John 17:20-21).
 - b. (Ephesians 4:3).
 - c. (Matthew 12:25).
 - d. (Ecclesiastes 4:12).
 3. We need to forfeit our ease, grudges, opinions and our preferences in order to achieve and maintain unity (Ephesians 4:3, 32; Romans 14:1-3).
- C. They Were Able To Communicate.
 1. (Genesis 11:6).
 2. Elders must communicate with the church (1 Peter 5:1-3).
 3. The church must communicate with the elders (1 Thess. 5:12).
 4. Christians must communicate with Christians (John 13:35).
 5. A lack of communication will breed distrust, and will create an "us" and "them" attitude.

- Conclusion:
1. Let's recognize the potential in possessing these three qualities.
 2. Only God could stop them (Genesis 11:6).
 3. While they used these qualities for evil, just think of the good that could be accomplished if we would use these same qualities for a good purpose.