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2 Corinthians 10:5 ESV



The Word of Truth



BEREAN BIBLE CHURCH

Worship & Communion Service

Sunday, August 7, 2022

SERVICES & CONTACTS


Sunday Worship Services in-person & live stream - 10:40am & 6pm

 <https://www.youtube.com/user/bereanbarbados/live>

Join us for Sunday School in-person - 9:30am

There is a class for ALL ages

Midweek Service in-person & online (Wednesday)

 **ZOOM Noon** and repeated **7:30pm** | link provided

Youth Service in-person - 7pm (Friday)

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We Destroy Arguments

by Jon Bloom

Why is it so hard to just find some peace of mind?

Well, peace is hard to come by when you live in a warzone. And like it or not you are in a war—a very serious one. This war is cosmic in its proportions. It involves God, humans, angels, demons, principalities, powers, nations, and antichrists.

And do you know where the front of the battle is? It's in your head.

Here is how Paul describes it in 2 Corinthians 10:3-5:

For though we walk in the flesh, we are not waging war according to the flesh. For the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh but have divine power to destroy strongholds. We destroy arguments and every lofty opinion raised against the knowledge of God, and take every thought captive to obey Christ.

Where is the battle raging? Where your thoughts are. What are the strongholds that spiritually imprison people? Arguments and opinions.

And arguments are not merely strongholds, they are weapons of mass destruction. Adam and Eve (and all of us with them) fell because of an argument. They believed the serpent's argument and stopped believing God.

That is the deadly essence of sin: not believing God. To not believe God is to ally with Satan, whom Jesus said is "a murderer from the beginning, and has nothing to do with the truth... for he is a liar and the father of lies" (John 8:44).

You don't want Satan as an ally. He's treacherous. He's out to murder you with lies.

Watch your emotions. They are signals of arguments. Your emotions, which can land on you like vague impressions or moods, are usually responses to an argument. Moods don't come out of nowhere. When we are angry, discouraged, depressed, anxious, self-pitying, fearful, or irritable, it is likely because we are believing something very specific.

To battle sin is to battle unbelief—or destroy arguments. And in order to battle unbelief effectively, we must press doubts and temptations into specific arguments. What specifically is being asserted or promised to us? Only then can we destroy the enemy's false arguments with true ones.

The devil does not want us to think clearly about sin. He wants to keep things vague so he can imprison or disarm us. But Jesus wants us to think clearly. He wants us to know the truth because the truth brings freedom:

If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth and the truth will set you free. (John 8:31-32)

So as freedom fighters let's fight against "unbelieving hearts" by exhorting one another every day (Hebrews 3:12-13) to live in the freedom—and peace (John 16:33)—of the truth.

Because our most important battles are won and lost with arguments.

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<https://www.desiringgod.org/articles/we-destroy-arguments>

Order of Service

WORSHIP & COMMUNION SUNDAY

August 7, 2022 at 10:40am

THEME: "Gospel Ministry and Hostility"

1. Call to Worship
2. Announcements
3. Meditation & Invocation
4. **Hymn 190: Rejoice the Lord is King**
5. Scripture Reading - **Acts 5: 17 - 29**
6. **Hymn 142: Blessed Redeemer**
7. Prayer & Offertory - **I Come to Praise the Lord**
8. **Hymn 473: Yield Not to Temptation**
9. Sermon - Pastor Paul Garnes
10. **Behold The Lamb** (vs 1 & 2)
11. Distribution of Elements
12. **Behold The Lamb** (vs 3 & 4)
13. **Hymn 73 - At the Name of Jesus**
15. Benediction

ITEMS FOR PRAYER



- For healing and comfort for our many sick members.
- To continue to shield us from Monkey-pox and COVID-19.
- To stop the spread of COVID and for healing for those ill from the virus.
- For comfort for families who have recently lost loved ones.
- For the ministry and wellbeing of our Pastor and family.
- For healing for our sick members.
- For grace for our shut-in members.
- For the many Berean Churches in the DR Congo.
- For the friends of Berean - The Gilmours, Haecks, Hulls, Moores, Montagues, Porchers, Rogers, Rudders and Taylors.
- For entrepreneurs and those seeking employment.
- For the peace of Jerusalem.

REMINDER: DOOR TO DOOR IN SKEETES RD. AUG 14, 4:30PM.
AND TO SIGN UP FOR BEREANS GOT TALENT AUG 27, 5:30PM.

August Birthdays

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| 1st - Michelle Knight | 13th - Chad James | 23rd - Nicholas Williams |
| - Louise Moore | - Michael Patrick | 24th - Monica Crawford |
| 3rd - Deirdre Boyce | 14th - Steve Brewster | - Orin Paul |
| - Audrey Lloyd | 14th - Esther Lord-Graham | 27th - Tyrone Lowe |
| 4th - Melissa Lucas | 18th - Jean Slocombe | 28th - Denis Maynard |
| 11th - Bernadette Holder | - Patricia Gaskin | 30th - Cynthia Lindsay |
| 12th - Mitchell Sinckler | 21st - Celeste Porte | - Johan Rogers |

Anniversaries

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| 2nd - Truneal & Mikhail Kwang | 26th - Jamar & Leneisha Watts |
| - Owen & Jenny Thompson | 27th - Richard & Brigitte James |
| - Lorna & George Ward | Pearlita & Dacre Franklin |
| 11th - Stephen & Betty Mendes | |