



# Andersonville Theological Seminary News

January, 2010

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## AS I SEE IT

by  
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This business of forgiveness is a tough thing. People will intentionally do you wrong and hurt you in many ways. They can steal from you, lie about you, and wish misfortune upon you. What do you do when someone does you like this? You can become bitter and swear that you will never have anything else to do with that person. It is okay to separate from potential hazardous relationships. (I am not talking about marriage). However, bitterness leads to depression and that is not a road you want to travel. The Word of God says in Ephesians 4:31-32: “Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamor, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice. And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ’s sake hath forgiven you.” There it is. Because Christ has forgiven us, we are to forgive others. You say, “Dr. Hayes, you don’t know what someone has done to me.” I understand that, but I do know what they did to Christ. They crucified Him; and while they were doing it, He cried, “Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do.” As I said, this business of forgiving is a tough thing for us, but it is necessary to receive all the blessings Christ wants to bestow upon us. So, here is the question: “What if I forgive someone and they wrong me again?” Scripture gives the answer. Matthew 18:21-22: “Then came Peter to him, and said, Lord, how oft shall my brother sin against me, and I FORGIVE HIM? TILL SEVEN TIMES? Jesus saith unto him, I say not unto thee, until seven times, but, until seventy times seven.” There’s the answer. Well, seventy times seven equals four hundred ninety. That means an unlimited amount of times. Some say, no, it means four hundred ninety times and that’s all. Let me ask, how many times have you asked Christ to forgive you in your Christian life? If you answer truthfully, it exceeds four hundred and ninety times, doesn’t it?

Have you ever wondered why Christ said, “Seventy times seven?” There is a

Check the newsletter for information on

- Ordering Dr. Hayes' latest books
- Ordering T shirts or alumni bumper stickers.
- Keeping the school up to date on student success

*Courses from the Institute of Theological Studies are available through Andersonville Theological Seminary In some programs or as individual courses!*

familiar Old Testament passage that sheds a lot of light on this. Daniel 9:24-27: “Seventy weeks are determined upon thy people and upon thy holy city, to finish the transgression, and to make an end of sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to seal up the vision and prophecy, and to anoint the most Holy. Know therefore and understand, that from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem unto the Messiah the Prince shall be seven weeks: the street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublous times. And after threescore and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off, but not from himself: and the people of the prince that shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary; and the end thereof shall be with a flood, and unto the end of the war desolations are determined. And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations shall make it desolate, even until the consummation and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate.”

Let me explain what you just read. In 9:24 “Seventy weeks” represents seventy sevens of years. In other words, the seventy weeks represents 490 years. This sets the time for the end of Israel’s punishment. The seven weeks in verse 25 refers to the time of building the temple walls at Jerusalem. That is, it would take 49 years (7X7) to build those walls from the time the order was given to begin the project. Then there would be threescore (60) and two weeks (2) unto Messiah would come and be crucified (cut off – verse 26). That is, it would take 49 years to build the walls and 62 more weeks until Jesus Christ would come. Remember, these weeks represent a period of 7 years each. So, 62 X7 would be 434 more years. Adding the 49 years and the 434 years together, you will come to a total of 483 years from the time the order to build the walls was given to the first coming of Christ. But verse 24 said “seventy weeks” and we have only accounted for sixty-nine. Verse 27 gives the “one week” or seven years that we are missing. There is a gap between the 69<sup>th</sup> and 70<sup>th</sup> week. That gap is called the Church Age. That is the age you and I live in and no one knows how long it will last. Christ was crucified 483 years to the date after the order was given to build the walls. Then, He ascended into Heaven and has been there a little over 2,000 years. Those 2,000 years have been the day of grace for us and the ministry of the church. When Christ raptures the church, then the final week (last 7 years) will begin. That seven years is called the Tribulation period. After that 7 years is completed, we come back with Christ to fight Armageddon. So, allowing for the gap in between the 483<sup>rd</sup> year and the 490<sup>th</sup> year (the gap is the Church Age), Daniel chapter 9 sums up all the time that matters. The period is defined as seventy weeks (or 490 years). The Lord told Peter to forgive seventy times seven (490 times). That means that we forgive others as long as this world stands before Christ comes back!! It may be a hundred thousand times you have to forgive. When time is up, you cannot forgive anymore; so don’t meet your Savior without forgiving those who have wronged you.

Again, this business of forgiving is a tough thing. However, it is required by the greatest forgiver of them all --- Jesus Christ. I hope this helps you in your journey through life. Chances are, your buddy hasn’t learned this at the seminary he attends. Share this with him and let him see how we teach at Andersonville Theological Seminary. Then, maybe he will enroll and learn the Bible! That’s the way I see it. What about you?

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## Andersonville Theological Seminary named "College of the Year" by the National Christian Counselors Association

The National Christian Counselor's Association, an educational and training organization for Christian counselors located in Sarasota, Florida, provides quality training for pastors and Christians who feel God's call to counsel. Their training results in credentials that the community (Christian and non-Christian) will recognize. Andersonville Theological Seminary has been active in working with NCCA for many years. This year the seminary was honored at the yearly NCCA convention as the 2009 College of the Year in recognition for enrolling and transferring the largest number of students. Andersonville Theological Seminary has received this award once before in 2001.

Cherry Hayes, who serves as the head of the counseling department at Andersonville Theological Seminary, also received an award for being the International Representative of the Year for Sarasota Academy of Christian Counseling, a sister organization to NCCA in Sarasota, Florida, which provides sound curriculum for Christian counselors based on temperament analysis. If you are interested in one of the very best Christian counseling programs available today, contact the seminary at 1-800-525-1611. We will be happy to explain the program and answer any questions that you might have relating to it.

*ATS enrolls the largest number of students in NCCA license program!*

## Have Dr. Hayes at your Church

You can have Dr. Jimmy Hayes, president of the school, to come to your church and share a message on Sunday morning, Sunday evening, or both if you are located in the Southeastern Region of the United States. Dr. Hayes is a dynamic speaker who stresses the importance of God's Word and winning souls to Jesus Christ. Call and arrange a date. 1-800-525-1611



**Openings for pastors, Christian school teachers, and music ministers** ...can be posted on the website by emailing the seminary at [ccd@andersonvilleseminary.com](mailto:ccd@andersonvilleseminary.com). We usually list several each month. Please give a contact person, a very short job description, location and short description of the church or ministry. A phone number, email address, or snail mail address should be given for contacts or for resumes.



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## Order a copy of Dr. Jimmy Hayes' newest books.

You can order a copy of the newest books by Dr. Jimmy Hayes, president of the seminary:

### *Hard Passages Can be Understood*

This compact 70 page book covers five of the most debated sections of Scripture in the Bible, yet makes them easy to understand. Discover the simple, direct approach of Dr. Hayes who always provides Scriptural foundation for his teaching!

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"What about those verses in I John?" I John 3 6-10  
"Were they saved and then lost?" Hebrews 6:4-6  
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## Master of Divinity Offers More

The Master of Divinity program offers more credit hours than other programs and gives the student a choice of emphasis that fits his or her needs. The Master of Divinity with an emphasis in Biblical languages is a 90 hour program that includes Hebrew I, II, and III plus Greek I, II, and III. The language courses are taught in lecture format with the assistance of books that are purchased by the student. James Hayes, II teaches the courses and has studied Biblical languages for many years at Florida State University. He is available to help students over the phone or by email if they should have any questions.

The Master of Divinity program in Pastoral Leadership offers many great Bible classes plus classes dealing with church administration, adult ministries, building God's church, and some basic counseling courses. This is a practical program that can be put to use immediately by pastors already working on the field.

To see the lineup of classes in each program, go to [www.andersonville.seminary.com](http://www.andersonville.seminary.com) and click on the catalog, select the master's division, and view the two programs. If you have any questions, call us at 1-800-525-1611.

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# Announcements

Alumni who would like to donate a scholarship in their name should contact the school.

Newsletters can also be read online at [www.andersonvilleseminary.com](http://www.andersonvilleseminary.com)

Click on "News" on the website to view current updates and information between newsletters.

- ❖ Current students should include name, address, and ss# or student number on each test. If you have a hyphenated name, please be sure to give the complete name on tests or when you call, write, fax, etc. We cannot find you if we do not have complete information.
- ❖ Transcripts may be requested at [www.andersonvilleseminary.com](http://www.andersonvilleseminary.com) by clicking on alumni on the bar at the top of the home page. Once the alumni page appears, you will see the transcript link. Print out the form and fax, mail, or email it in. The cost is \$20.00 for the first transcript and \$10.00 for any additional copies.
- ❖ Special church ceremonies, held for the purpose of displaying degrees, should not be planned until the student's degree has arrived. Most of the time, student's do not allow enough time and are disappointed when their degree does not arrive by the date of the ceremony. Degrees, once ordered, usually take 6 to 8 weeks for delivery.
- ❖ Use enough postage. Some student's are not putting enough postage on their work. The cost of getting your postage out of the post office is mounting up. The seminary is not responsible for picking up mail without proper postage.
- ❖ All students seeking to graduate by a certain date should turn in their work at least 30 days before degrees are ordered to give the grade department time to process his or her grades. The grade department handles grades for approximately 6,000 students.
- ❖ All degrees are now printed as Andersonville Theological Seminary.
- ❖ Office hours are from 9:00 until 4:00 p.m. on Monday through Thursday and from 9:00 until 12:00 on Friday. (The grade department is closed from 11:00 until 12:00 each day for lunch.) Please call for an appointment, if possible, when visiting. In the past, students have been disappointed when they stopped by on Friday afternoon and found our offices all locked up.

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## Enrollment

If you are interested in enrolling in one of our programs, simply go to the website at [www.andersonvilleseminary.com](http://www.andersonvilleseminary.com) and fill out the online application. **We will give you an evaluation of the number of courses you will need and give you current prices for the program you select.** We will also instruct you on how to complete the enrollment process. Filling out an application is free and the prospective student is under no obligation.

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## GRADUATION MAY 28<sup>TH</sup>

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**All students who have graduated during the year are invited to participate in the 2010 graduation on May 28, 2010. The graduation will take place at the Albany Municipal Auditorium in Albany, Georgia. If you are interested in coming to participate, please contact Stephanie Davis at 1-800-525-1611 to order your graduation packet which will include such information as the following:**

- Graduation pictures
- Graduation rings
- Cap and Gown Orders
- Motels
- Airports
- Sites to see in the area
- Fees for participation

**Call today and request your graduation packet. We look forward to hearing from you and seeing you at graduation!**

**If you are not participating in the service but would like to come, you are invited. Bring your family to support the graduates!**

#### NOTICE TO ALUMNI

We would like to hear from you! Please let us know how you have advanced your ministry, improved your life, or helped others by earning a degree at Andersonville Theological Seminary. Send your story or comments to [www.andersonvilleseminary.com](http://www.andersonvilleseminary.com).