

“THINKABOUTIT” THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

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If you are familiar with the term “oxymoron” you know that sometimes we put words together that don’t seem to mesh. Concepts like “jumbo shrimp” and “pretty ugly” seem to be far apart; but, they make sense when unified in the right setting.

In the Bible we find some oxymorons – take for example this observation, “... the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth.” (John 1:14). The idea of “grace” (which represents forgiveness) and “truth” (which exemplifies accountability) can be polar opposites; but, with the coming of Jesus, the Savior, the terms can coexist – not just in the same sentence; but, in the same life. Through the gift of God’s grace, we can be accountable for what we have done; but, still be forgiven.

Often, the folly of language is seen as a frailty of mankind; but, here, as in our own lives, with the power of God, even craziness can make sense.

Think about it! For the Madison Avenue Church of Christ; this is Charlie Wharton.