

## Some Lessons in Math

Schools celebrate Mathematics Awareness Month every April to increase appreciation for and understanding of the science of numbers. The observance began in 1986 when a proclamation by President Ronald Reagan highlighted the declining enrollment in math programs at all levels of the American educational system, despite the importance of mathematics in diverse career fields.

The first year's observance focused on national events, such as the opening of an exhibit at the Smithsonian Institution. In recent years, organizers have turned their attention to the local, state and regional levels with activities designed to increase the visibility of mathematics as a field of study and to communicate the usefulness of mathematics in many fields. Organizers plan activities around a different theme each year and enlist the assistance of thousands of teachers, students, parents, business people and public policy leaders.

Some things the Bible teaches just don't seem to add up. God + Jesus + the Holy Spirit = 3 as well as 1. When a man and woman marry, two become one. If we try to keep our life, we will lose it; if we give it up for Christ, we will find it. Whoever wants to be first must be last. These examples may not make sense to us, but that doesn't subtract from their truth.

We may try to make God fit into our own neat little formula, but God's wisdom is not like ours. He says His thoughts and "ways are far beyond anything (we) could imagine" (Isaiah 55:8). Our job is to obey His commands, not necessarily to understand how they work. As we grow closer to God and study His Word, He will multiply our understanding, but we will never have complete understanding of Him.

We can rest assured that He is the sum of all things and be glad that nothing can subtract from His love for us or divide us from Him.

--Beecher Hunter