



CHART SERMONS
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Preaching from charts is a very effective way of teaching the truth. Seeing as well as hearing increases the interest, holds better the attention and more is retained by the listeners. I hope and pray that this my seventh book of chart sermons will prove a valuable aid to a good number of faithful preachers in their efforts to win souls to Christ and to strengthen souls in Christ.

I continue to try to improve these charts in content and attractiveness and believe that these are some of the best thus far. There are lessons for sinners and saints - lessons that deal with the issues of the day. I hope they will be read, studied, preached and practiced by many.

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AT THE CROSS

1. We frequently sing songs about the cross and what took place there.
2. How many of us fully realize and appreciate what took place At The Cross?

I. Some Things That Happened At The Cross

- A. The great love of God was fully manifested.
- B. Jesus tasted death for all men.
- C. The law was finished. Many deny this.
- D. The church was bought and paid for with the blood of Christ.
- E. The price was paid for sins. Christ paid with His life's blood.
- F. Peace was made. Man can have peace with his Maker because of what happened there.
- G. Jew and Gentile were reconciled in one body - the church.

II. Man Benefits By

- A. The preaching of the cross as Paul taught.
- B. These benefits come to him when he hears and obeys the truth.

Have You Benefited By What Happened There? If Not Why Not Do So Now?

GOD'S LOVE MANIFESTED

JO. 3:16: 1 JO. 4: 9,10

LAW FINISHED

MT. 5:17,18: ROM.10:4

COL. 2:14-17

CHURCH BOUGHT

ACTS 20:28: EPH. 5:25

PEACE MADE

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PREACHING OF THE CROSS-1 COR. 1:18: 2:1,2

WHEN HE HEARS & OBEYS-MT. 7:21: 24:25:

ROM. 6:1-5,17,18

AT THE CROSS



THE BIBLE

1 Thessalonians 2:13

1. The Bible though a best seller is greatly neglected. It needs to be studied daily.
2. Let us consider some attitudes we ought to have and things we ought to do in relationship to the Bible.

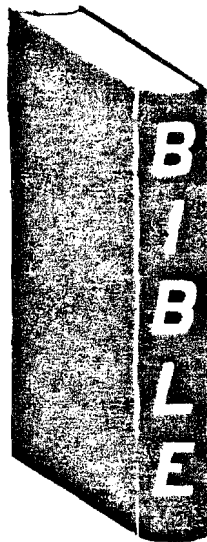
I. Study And Investigate

- A. Buy the truth and sell it not. Knowledge of truth is something man should gain at whatever cost necessary and never lose it.
- B. One can understand the will of the Lord. There is no reason to be unwise.
- C. Investigate - man needs to apply himself in study - to search and learn truth.

II. Believe, Love And Obey

- A. The Bible is given to us that we might believe it.
- B. The devil is ready to rob men of the word lest they believe it.
- C. When the word is preached it is frequently treated as if it were the word of men and not of God - even by brethren.
- D. We should love it realizing the danger involved if we don't.
- E. We will be eternally saved by it - believing and obeying its teaching or we will be eternally condemned for failing to do so.

Have You Obeyed Its Teaching? Is It Your Guide?



THE BIBLE

1 THESS. 2:13

BUY THE TRUTH - PROV. 23:23; 1 PET. 2:1,2

BE NOT UNWISE - EPH. 5:17

INVESTIGATE - HOS. 4:6; JO. 5:39,40; ACTS 17:11; 2 TIM. 2:15

BELIEVE - JO. 20:30,31; LK. 8:12; 1 THESS. 2:13

LOVE TRUTH - 2 THESS. 2:10-12

ETERNALLY SAVED - JO. 12:48; ACTS 20:32; MT. 25:46

OR CONDEMNED - 2 THESS. 1:7-9; 1 PET. 4:17,18

HAVE YOU OBEYED?
MT. 7:21

IS IT YOUR GUIDE?
PSM. 119:105

THE EMPTY TOMB

John 20:3-8

1. The empty tomb on that first day of the week as found by Peter and John is a great testimony to the truth of the resurrection of Christ and strengthens the faith of all Christians.
2. Consider some of the things it did.
 - I. It Fulfilled
 - A. David's prophecy that His soul was not left in hell.
 - B. Christ's promises that He would be raised the third day.
 - II. It Proved
 - A. The resurrection of Christ.
 - B. That victory had been gained over death.
 - III. It Defeated
 - A. The plans and purposes of the Lord's enemies.
 - IV. It Declared
 - A. Jesus to be God's Son.
 - V. It Gave And It Gives
 - A. Hope to believers.
 - VI. It Made Possible
 - A. Our justification.

Have You Profited By What The Empty Tomb Stands For? Will You Now?

THE EMPTY TOMB

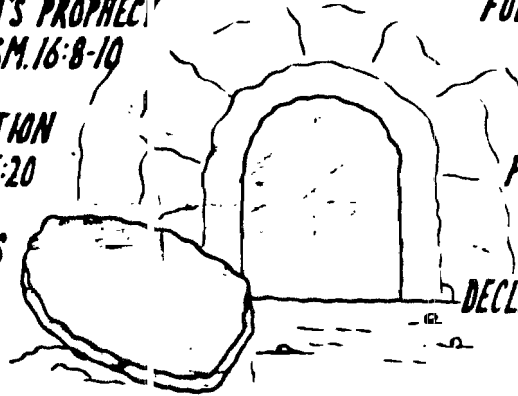
JOHN 20:3-8

FULFILLED DAVID'S PROPHECY
ACTS 2:25-31 & PSM.16:8-10

PROVED RESURRECTION
MT.28:1-6 & 1 COR.15:20

DEFEATED ENEMIES
MT.26:3-5, 14, 15
MT.27:62-66

GIVES HOPE
ACTS 17:30, 31 & 1 PET.1:3
1 COR.15:51-58



FULFILLED CHRIST'S PROMISES
MT.12:40 & 16:21 & 17:22, 23
MT.20:17-19

PROVED DEATH CONQUERED
ACTS 2:22-24 & 2 TIM.1:10

DECLARED JESUS TO BE GOD'S SON
ROM.1:4

MADE POSSIBLE OUR JUSTIFICATION
ROM.4:25 & 1 COR.15:16, 17

GOD'S MIRROR

James 1:22-25

1. James compares a man's study of the Bible to his looking in a looking glass - to profit he must make the needed correction. As you look what do you see?

I. The Unsaved

- A. Can see that he is in darkness, without God, Christ and hope, lost, in death.
- B. Can see that God has a remedy for his condition and should take it.

II. The Deceived

- A. Can learn that a way that only seems right will end in death - that doctrines of men make worship vain and if he blindly follows the blind he will fall in ditch.
- B. Can see that God has a remedy for him. Let him take it now.

III. The Worldly

- A. Can see that to sow to the flesh is to reap corruption, to be guilty of the works of the flesh or unrighteous is to miss heaven and to be carnally minded is death.
- B. Can learn of God's remedy for him and how he ought to accept it.

IV. The Unfaithful

- A. Needs to see that he is not to forsake the assembling and not be unprofitable.
- B. Can see God's remedy for his condition. He should heed it quickly.

V. The Unfruitful

- A. Can learn he needs to maintain good works, not be blind nor choked with cares.
- B. Needs to consider and accept God's remedy for him.

VI. The Faithful

- A. Can see that he needs to continue faithful, abounding in love, conduct become the gospel, hold forth the word, be steadfast and abound in Lord's work.

Now What Do You See? How Really Do You See Yourself? Will You Make Changes?

GOD'S MIRROR

THE UNSAVED

IN DARKNESS - JO. 12:46

WITHOUT GOD & CHRIST - EPH. 2:12

LOST - DEATH - ROM. 3:23: 6:23

GOD'S REMEDY - 2 PET. 3:9: M. 7:21:

HEB. 5:8,9: ACTS 2:38

THE DECEIVED

WAY SEEMS RIGHT - DEATH - PROV. 14:12: ACTS 26:9-11

DOCTRINES OF MEN - VAIN WORSHIP - 1 T. 15:8,9

BLIND FALL IN DITCH - MT. 15:14

GOD'S REMEDY - LIKE PAUL - GAL. 1:13-16: ACTS 22:16

THE WORLDLY

SOW TO FLESH - REAP CORRUPTION - GAL. 6:7,8

WORKS OF FLESH - NOT INHERIT KINGDOM - GAL. 5:19-21

UNRIGHTEOUS - NOT INHERIT KINGDOM - 1 COR. 6:9,10

CARNALLY MINDED IS DEATH - R. M. 8:5,6,12,13

GOD'S REMEDY - 1 JO. 2:15-17: R. M. 8:13

JS. 1:22-25

THE UNFAITHFUL

NOT FORSAKING... - HEB. 10:25

UNPROFITABLE SERVANT - MT. 25:24-30

GOD'S REMEDY - MT. 6:33: REV. 2:10

THE UNFRUITFUL

NOT TO BE UNFRUITFUL - TIT. 3:14

BLIND - 2 PET. 1:9

CHOKED - LK. 8:14

GOD'S REMEDY - 2 PET. 1:5-8

THE FAITHFUL

CONTINUE - 2 TIM. 3:14: REV. 2:10

LOVE ABOUND - PHIL. 1:9-11

CONVERSATION BECOME GOSPEL - PHIL. 1:27

HOLD FORTH WORD - PHIL. 2:14-16

STEADFAST IN THE LORD - PHIL. 4:1

ABOUND IN LORD'S WORK - 1 COR. 15:58

What Do You See?



GOSPEL PREACHING

Matthew 28:18-20

1. This lesson is concerned with three things - the message - what it is; the messenger what he should be - and the effect on men and women.
2. Give serious consideration to this lesson and honestly answer to yourself what effect pure gospel preaching has on you.

I. The Message

- A. Is The gospel - God's saving power.
- B. The Spirit's sword to pierce through or cut the heart.
- C. It is like fire to try and like a hammer to break error.
- D. It frees from sin and is for all people.
- E. It must be kept pure - free from the theories and doctrines of men.

II. The Messenger

- A. Should be a man of strength - of strong conviction and courage.
- B. Is to be a watchman to watch and warn of danger.
- C. Must be faithful to God and able to teach His truths.
- D. Should have a real concern for the lost - a lover of souls.
- E. Should speak boldly and plainly - not hesitating to point out and condemn sin.
- F. Is to be faithful in opposing error from without or within.

III. The Effect

- A. Some consider foolishness - some offended by it - some reject it - some delay.
- B. Some accept it and remain faithful to it but others who accept depart from it.

Just What Is The Effect Of Faithful Gospel Preaching On You?

GOSPEL PREACHING

MATT.28:18-20



THE MESSAGE

IS THE GOSPEL - MK. 16:15
IS GOD'S SAVING POWER - ROM. 1:16
IS A WORD OF SPIRIT - HEB. 4:12:
IS A PH. 6:17; ACTS 2:37; 5:33
IS LIKE FIRE & HAMMER - JER. 23:29
Frees FROM SIN - JO. 8:31,32; ROM. 6:17,18
IS FOR ALL - MT. 28:18-20; MK. 16:15
MUST BE KEPT PURE - 2 TIM. 2:2; GAL. 1:8,9

THE EFFECT

SOME THINK FOOLISHNESS - 1 COR. 1:18
SOME OFFENDED - MT. 15:10-14
SOME REJECT - ACTS 5:29-33
SOME DELAY - ACTS 24:25; 26:28

THE MESSENGER

A MAN OF STRENGTH - 1 KINGS 2:2
A WATCHMAN - EZEK. 33:7-9; ACTS 20:26,27
FAITHFUL & ABLE - 2 TIM. 2:2
HAS CONCERN FOR LOST - ROM. 10:1-3
BOLD & PLAIN - EPH. 6:18-20; 2 COR. 3:12
POINTS OUT SIN - ISA. 58:1; 1 TIM. 5:20;
2 TIM. 4:1-5; ACTS 20:20
OPPOSES ERROR - MT. 15:1-9; GAL. 2:11-14

SOME ACCEPT - ACTS 2:38-41; 17:10-12
SOME FAITHFUL - HEB. 10:38,39; 1 PET. 1:3-5
SOME DEPART FROM - 1 TIM. 4:1-3; 18-20;
2 TIM. 4:10

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 28:18-20

Consider these things about the gospel and appreciate it more.

I. It Is Of God

A. It is spoken of as being His. He is the Author of it.

II. It Is Of Christ

A. It is also spoken of as being His. He brought it into the world.

III. It Is God's Call

A. By it men and women are invited to the blessings God has for them.

B. One can and many do refuse the call.

IV. It Is God's Drawing Power

A. The drawing is through hearing, learning and coming to Him.

B. This is not, as some would have you believe, an irresistible drawing.

V. It Is God's Saving Power

A. The way He has chosen to save man. It is not a matter of what He could have done - but what He did.

VI. It Gives Light

A. The devil throws up a smoke screen to blind and deceive.

VII. It Is Certified

A. Paul certified that the gospel he preached was from Jesus Christ.

Have You Or Will You Obey It Now?

IS OF GOD
1 PET. 4:17,18: 1 THESS. 2:9

HAVE YOU OBEYED?

IS OF CHRIST
PHIL. 1:27: 2 THESS. 1:7-9

IS GOD'S CALL
2 THESS. 2:13,14: MK. 16:15
ONE CAN & MANY DO REFUSE CALL
MK. 16:16: MT. 13:15



IS GOD'S DRAWING POWER
JO. 6:44,45: MT. 28:19
NOT AN IRRESISTIBLE DRAWING
HEB. 4:2: ROM. 10:16

IS GOD'S SAVING POWER
ROM. 1:16: 1 COR. 15:1-4: EPH. 1:13

IS CERTIFIED
GAL. 1:11,12

GIVES LIGHT
2 COR. 4:3,4: 2 TIM. 1:10

HOW EXCLUSIVE ARE WE?

1. As members of the church of Christ we are frequently charged with being too exclusive - that we have drawn a circle about ourselves and exclude all from fellowship who will not bow to our terms. Some liberal brethren make this charge.
2. We are charged with being clannish - of thinking that we are the only ones that are right - the only ones going to heaven, etc.

I. These Charges Are Made Because Of What We Teach

- A. On baptism - do we teach anything other than what the Bible teaches?
- B. On the one church - is this not the same as the Bible teaches?
- C. On the one way - who started this teaching? Did the Lord or did we?
- D. About music in worship - who inspired these statements of scripture?
- E. About speaking as the oracles of God - are we not so commanded to speak?
- F. About the work of the church - but are we not completely furnished unto every good work? Where is there authority for man to devise his own?
- G. Our practice of fellowship - but we are commanded not to fellowship the unfruitful works of darkness.

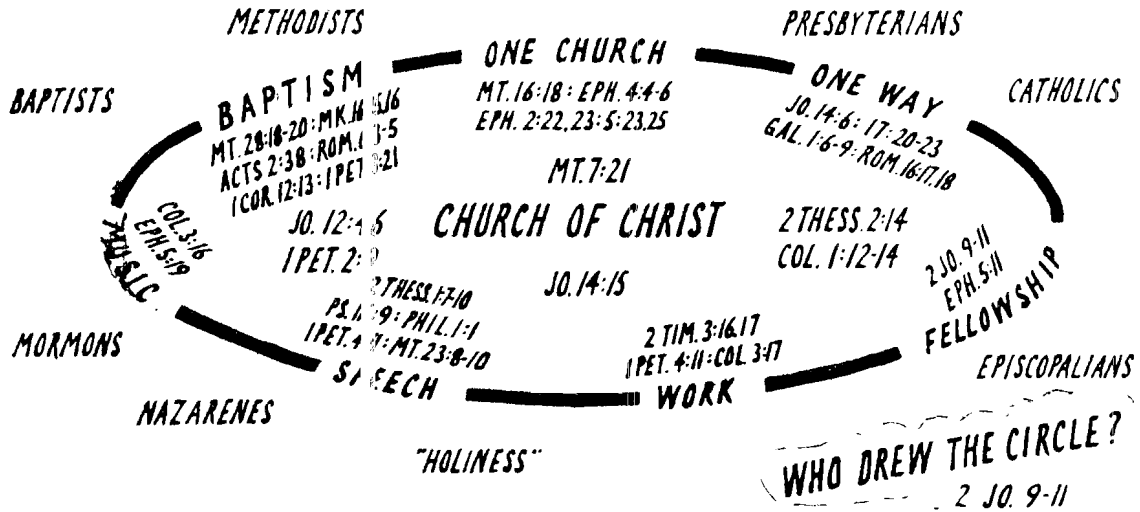
II. Other Things That Need To Be Considered

- A. To enter heaven we must do the will of the Father. To love we must obey.
- B. Jesus came to earth to make it possible for us to come out of darkness and error.
- C. The gospel is God's call to us to leave darkness and sin and to be translated in - the kingdom of His dear Son.

Yes There Is A Circle But Who Drew It? God did.

HOW EXCLUSIVE ARE WE?

CHARGES MADE: "YOU PEOPLE DRAW A CIRCLE AROUND YOU & EXCLUDE ALL WHO DON'T AGREE WITH YOU."
 "CLANNISH" "THINK YOU ARE THE ONLY ONES RIGHT--THE ONLY ONES GOING TO HEAVEN."



JESUS IS

1. We sometimes sing, "Jesus Is All The World To Me". He is indeed.
2. Jesus is so much to us. We need to consider what He is to us and what we should do because of what He is.

I. Jesus Is

- A. God's Son - we need to hear Him; God's Gift - we need to receive Him.
 - B. The Christ - we need to confess Him; The Foundation - let us build on Him.
 - C. The Light - follow Him; The Way - walk in Him.
 - D. The Truth - believe Him; The Life - have Him now.
 - E. The Door - enter Him; The Bread - let us eat and live.
 - F. The great Physician - He can heal us; Our Friend - trust Him completely.
 - G. Our Hope - lay hold on Him; Our Peace - have and enjoy Him.
 - H. Our Saviour - come to Him and be saved; Our Example - follow Him.
 - I. Our Shepherd - hear His voice and follow Him; Our Prophet - hear Him.
 - J. Our Priest - turn to Him for help; Our King - serve Him as faithful subjects.
 - K. Our Lord - bow to Him; Our Captain - obey and follow His orders.
 - L. Our Mediator - use Him in praying to the Father; The Vine - abide in Him.
 - M. Our Judge in the great day of judgment - be sure to be on His right hand.
- Is Jesus All Of This To You? Are You Benefiting Fully From What He Is?

GOD'S SON - 1 JO. 4:9 HEAR HIM - MT. 17:5
GOD'S GIFT - JO. 3:16 RECEIVE HIM - JO. 1:12
THE CHRIST - MT. 16:16 CONFESS HIM - MT. 10:32

THE FOUNDATION - 1 COR. 3:11 BUILD ON HIM - MT. 7:24, 25
THE LIGHT - JO. 8:12 FOLLOW HIM - JO. 8:12
THE WAY - JO. 14:6 WALK IN HIM - COL. 2:6
THE TRUTH - JO. 14:6 BELIEVE HIM - JO. 20:31
THE LIFE - JO. 14:6 HAVE HIM - 1 JO. 5:11, 12
THE DOOR - JO. 10:9 ENTER IN - ROM. 6:3-5
THE BREAD - JO. 6:35 EAT & LIVE - JO. 6:51
THE GREAT PHYSICIAN - MK. 2:16, 17 BE HEALED - MT. 13:15
OUR FRIEND - JO. 15:13, 14 TRUST HIM - ROM. 15:12
OUR HOPE - 1 TIM. 1:1 LAY HOLD - HEB. 6:18-20

JESUS IS

OUR PEACE - EPH. 2:14 HAVE & ENJOY - ROM. 5:1
OUR SAVIOUR - 1 JO. 4:14 COME TO HIM - MT. 11:28-30
OUR EXAMPLE - 1 PET. 2:21 FOLLOW HIM - 1 COR. 11:1
OUR SHEPHERD - JO. 10:11 HEAR & FOLLOW - JO. 10:27, 28
OUR PROPHET - ACTS 3:22 HEAR HIM - ACTS 3:23
OUR PRIEST - HEB. 3:1 TURN FOR HELP - HEB. 4:14-16
OUR KING - JO. 18:37 SERVE HIM - MT. 25:34-36
OUR LORD - ACTS 2:36 BOW TO HIM - PHIL. 2:10, 11
OUR CAPTAIN - HEB. 2:10 OBEY HIM - HEB. 5:8, 9
OUR MEDIATOR - 1 TIM. 2:5 USE HIM - JO. 16:23

THE VINE - JO. 15:5 ABIDE IN HIM - JO. 15:4
OUR JUDGE - JO. 5:22 BE ON HIS RIGHT HAND - MT. 25:34

THE LAW OF CHRIST

Galatians 6:2

1. Many deny that Christ has a law. The text shows that He does.
2. This is not the ten commandment law.

I. What Is The Law Of Christ?

- A. It is the New Testament - the better covenant - the second covenant promised.
- B. It is the perfect law of liberty - the royal law. It is called the law of the spirit of life in Christ.
- C. It is the law of faith. It is the gospel - that by which we will be judged.

II. Why This Law?

- A. For man's salvation and justification.

III. When Did This Law Begin?

- A. On the first Pentecost after the resurrection of Christ and is to last till His second coming.

IV. For Whom Is This Law Intended?

- A. Paul was under it.
- B. It is for new creatures in Christ - Christians - to those who will submit to it.

V. How Does One Become Subject To This Law?

- A. By the new birth - through obedience to the gospel.

VI. Faithful Subjects Will Receive

- A. A crown of life - an incorruptible inheritance.

Will You Submit To The Law Of Christ Now?



THE LAW OF CHRIST

GAL. 6:2

WHAT IS THE LAW OF CHRIST?

NEW TESTAMENT - HEB. 9:15-17

BETTER COVENANT - HEB. 8:6

SECOND COVENANT - HEB. 8:7

NEW COVENANT - HEB. 8:8-13; GAL. 4:21-26

PERFECT LAW OF LIBERTY - JS. 1:25; 2:12

ROYAL LAW - JS. 2:8

LAW OF SPIRIT OF LIFE IN CHRIST - ROM. 8:2

LAW OF FAITH - ROM. 3:27

THE GOSPEL - ROM. 1:16

THAT BY WHICH WE WILL BE JUDGED - JO. 12:48

WHY?

FOR SALVATION - MK. 16:15-16

FOR JUSTIFICATION - GAL. 3:24-27; 2:16

WHEN?

PENTECOST TO SECOND COMING - ISA. 2:23; LK. 24:45-49;
ACTS 2:1-4, 22-41; 1 THESS. 4:14-17; 1 COR. 15:24

FOR WHOM?

PAUL - 1 COR. 9:20, 21 (A.S.V.)

NEW CREATURES - 2 COR. 5:17; ROM. 6:4, 8:1-10

THOSE WHO WILL SUBMIT - MT. 11:28-30; MK. 16:15, 16; REV. 2:10

HOW BECOME SUBJECT?

BY NEW BIRTH - JO. 3:3-5

THROUGH OBEDIENCE - MT. 7:21; JO. 14:15, 21; HEB. 5:8, 9;
ROM. 6:17, 18, 1-5, 10, 16; 2 THESS. 1:7-9

WHAT WILL SUBJECTS WILL RECEIVE...

CROWN OF LIFE - 2 TIM. 4:8; REV. 2:10

INCORRUPTIBLE INHERITANCE - 1 PET. 1:3-5; ROM. 8:17

THE ONE WAY

Matthew 7:13, 14

1. Jesus speaks of THE way that leads to life. This THE ONE WAY needs to be emphasized so that there can be no doubt.
 2. The popular way is broad and leads to destruction.
 - I. Consider Some Things About This One Way
 - A. It is the way of God - Jesus is the way.
 - B. It is the way of truth - a way that requires obedience for us.
 - C. It is the way of salvation - the living way.
 - D. This way is spoken against and is persecuted.
 - II. This One Way Is
 - A. In the one body - the church . The truth is revealed by the one Spirit.
 - B. Those in the way have the one hope and look to the one Lord for help.
 - C. This is one faith - not many. It is by the one baptism that we get into this one way.
 - D. This one way was designed by the one God.
 - III. Heed The Warnings
 - A. A way that seems right ends in death. All need to be in the way that is right as God revealed it.
 - B. It is possible to depart from the way after getting in it. Don't do it!
- Are You In The One Way? Will You Get In It Now?

WAY OF GOD
MT. 22:16·ACTS 18:26

WAY OF TRUTH
2 PET. 2:1, 2

WAY OF OBEDIENCE
MT. 7:21

WAY OF SALVATION
ACTS 16:17, 14, 15, 27-34

SPOKEN AGAINST
ACTS 19:9, 23, 24:14

PERSECUTED :
ACTS 22:4

MT. 7:13, 14

JESUS THE WAY
JO. 14:6



REV. 2:10

1
ONE

WAY

LIVING WAY
HEB. 10:19, 20

THE

BODY
SPIRIT
HOPE
LORD
FAITH
BAPTISM
GOD

EPH. 4:4-6

WARNINGS !!
A WAY THAT SEEMS RIGHT
PROV. 14:12
DON'T DEPART
2 PET. 2:20-22

PROPER ATTITUDE TOWARD ERROR

Psalms 119:104, 128

1. Many act as if there is no such thing as religious error. There is and it is very important that we know and have the proper attitude toward it.
2. We ought also to have the proper attitude toward those in error - one of love for their souls and a desire to see them freed from error.
 - I. There Are
 - A. False doctrines and false ways. The Bible shows this.
 - B. There are also false teachers and blind guides and warnings need to be sounded.
 - II. The Proper Attitude Toward Error Is
 - A. One of no encouragement nor of fellowship with it.
 - B. One of opposition to it in or out of the church.
 - C. We are told to mark those who cause division by their teaching of error.
 - D. As the text shows - one of hatred of it.
 - III. Why Such An Attitude As This?
 - A. Error cannot save regardless of how sincerely it is believed. Only truth can.
 - B. Error denies the necessity of obedience - deceives and causes to perish.
 - IV. Truth Can Be Distinguished From Error
 - A. Jesus said that one can know the truth.
 - B. Through the precepts of God we get understanding.
 - C. All need to search the scriptures to know the truth.

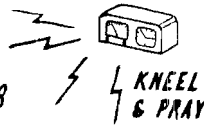
What About Your Attitude? Is It Right?

PROPER ATTITUDE TOWARD ERROR

THERE ARE
FALSE DOCTRINES - MT. 15:8,9
FALSE WAYS - PROV. 14:12; PS. 119:104
FALSE TEACHERS - 2 PET. 2:1-3; 2 COR. 11:13-15;
1 JO. 4:1; MT. 7:15-20; ACTS 20:29,30
BLIND GUIDES - MT. 15:10-14

WHY?
ERROR CANNOT SAVE
ONLY TRUTH CAN - 2 TH. 2:13; 1 PET. 1:22
ERROR DENIES NECESSITY
OF OBEDIENCE - MT. 7:21; HEB. 5:8,9
ERROR DECEIVES - EPH. 5:6; COL. 2:8; ROM. 16:17,18
ERROR CAUSES TO PERISH - 2 TH. 2:10-12

PS. 119:104,128



PROPER ATTITUDE
NO ENCOURAGEMENT - 2 JO. 9-11
NO FELLOWSHIP - EPH. 5:11
OPPOSITION - ACTS 13:8-13; GAL. 2:11-14
MARK - ROM. 16:17,18
HATE EVERY FALSE WAY - PS. 119:104,128

TRUTH CAN BE DISTINGUISHED
FROM ERROR
ONE CAN KNOW TRUTH - JO. 7:17
THROUGH PRECEPTS GET
UNDERSTANDING - PS. 119:104,130
SEARCH THE SCRIPTURES - JO. 5:39;
ACTS 17:10-12; 2 TIM. 2:15

REACTIONS TO GOD'S TRUTH

1. People react differently to God's word. This is borne out by Bible examples and by those of this day.
2. Consider these examples and see just where you fit.

I. When God's Word Is Preached

- A. Some gladly accept as did those on Pentecost, the eunuch, Cornelius and his house, and the Bereans. Is this your reaction? It should be.
- B. Some delay action thinking they have plenty of time. Felix did.
- C. Some sadly decline realizing that it is the truth and action ought to be taken but they are not willing to pay the price - give up the world of sin, etc. The rich young ruler and Agrippa are examples of this reaction.
- D. Some don't care - they are indifferent and just ignore it.
- E. Some are made angry and hate those who teach it. The children of Israel had this reaction to Moses; this was Naaman's first reaction and also Ahab's.
- F. Some openly oppose the truth - the priests and the Sadducees did. Barjesus did.

II. In View Of These Examples What Is Your Reaction To The Truth On

- A. Obedience to the gospel? The church? Baptism? Acceptable worship?
- B. Marriage and divorce? Living godly? Faithfulness to the Lord? Giving?

III. God's Truth Will Not Be Changed

- A. Some seem to think they will be given special consideration - that their lack of obedience and respect to God's commandments will be overlooked.
- B. They will not be changed for you, me nor our loved ones.

What Really Is Your Reaction? Is It What It Should Be?



GLADLY ACCEPT
 ACTS 2:41-8 30-38.
 10:30-33.47.48-17:10-12

REACTIONS TO GOD'S TRUTH

DELAY
 ACTS 24:25



SADLY DECLINE
 MT.19:22:ACTS 26:28



INDIFFERENT & IGNORE
 MT.7:26.27:13:15: HEB 4:2



ANGER & HATE
 EX.16:8:2 KGS.5:9-11:
 1KGS. 22:7.8: GAL.4:16

OPPOSITION
 ACTS 4:13-18:13:6-8



WHAT IS YOUR REACTION TO THE TRUTH ON...

OBEDIENCE? - MT. 7:21: HEB. 5:8.9
 THE CHURCH? - MT. 16:18: EPH 4:4-6: 5:23
 BAPTISM? - MK. 16:16: 1 PET. 3:21
 WORSHIP? - JOHN 4:23, 24

MARRIAGE? - MT. 5:32: 19:3-9
 GODLINESS? - 1 JOHN 2:15-17: JS. 4:4
 FAITHFULNESS? - HEB. 10:25: 1 COR. 15:58
 GIVING? - 1 COR. 16:1, 2: 2 COR. 9:6-8

GOD'S TRUTH WILL NOT BE CHANGED FOR YOU, ME OR LOVED ONES! - MT. 24:35: JOHN 12:48

SCRIPTURAL GIVING

2 Corinthians 8:1-8

1. This lesson is greatly needed everywhere for very few practice scriptural giving.
2. In many places 10% of the congregation will give 50% or more of the contribution.

I. Consider These Facts

- A. God doesn't need what we have as everything belongs to Him.
- B. He could have made His plan without involving our money but in His power, wisdom, mercy and love He has involved us and our means.
- C. Giving helps the giver. Examples of this can be given.
- D. Our giving is a gauge or thermometer that measures our love for the Lord.

II. God Has Provided Motivation

- A. God loved us and gave His Son for us that we might be saved.
- B. Jesus loved us and gave Himself in our stead on the cross.
- C. We should love and obey.

III. God's Instructions On Giving

- A. Give as prosper. Suppose God began prospering us as we give.
- B. Giving should be purposefully, not grudgingly, or of necessity but cheerfully.
- C. We should abound in this grace and believe God's promise in 2 Cor. 9:6-8.

IV. How Much Should One Give

- A. How much do you prosper?
- B. Some say give till it hurts. It doesn't take much to hurt many. Better to give till it makes you feel good - allowed to give up to 30% of income tax free.

Won't You Seriously Consider Your Giving And Make It Scriptural?

SCRIPTURAL GIVING

2 COR. 8:1-8

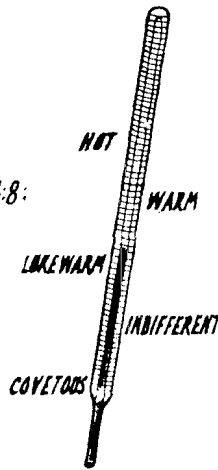
THIS LESSON GREATLY NEEDED - EPH. 5:17 COMPARE OUR EFFORTS TO OUR PROSPERITY.

CONSIDER THESE FACTS

GOD DOESN'T NEED WHAT WE HAVE -
 1 COR. 10:26; PSM. 24:1; 50:10-12
 HE COULD HAVE PLANNED OTHERWISE - MT. 19:26
 IN HIS POWER, WISDOM, MERCY & LOVE HE HAS
 INVOLVED US - GEN. 17:1; ACTS 15:18; JS. 5:11; 1 JO. 4:8;
 MK. 16:15; 1 COR. 9:14; GAL. 6:6; 2 COR. 12:13
 GIVING HELPS THE GIVER - ACTS 20:35
 GIVING PROVES OUR LOVE - 2 COR. 8:1-8

GOD PROVIDED MOTIVATION

GOD LOVED & GAVE - ROM. 5:8; JO. 3:16; JS. 1:17
 JESUS LOVED & GAVE - JO. 13:34-15:13; MT. 20:28
 WE SHOULD LOVE & OBEY - 1 JO. 4:7-9; JO. 14:15, 21



GOD'S INSTRUCTIONS

GIVE AS PROSPER - 1 COR. 16:1, 2
 GIVE PURPOSEFULLY
 NOT GRUDGINGLY
 NOT OF NECESSITY } - 2 COR. 9:6, 7
 GIVE CHEERFULLY
 ABOUND IN THIS GRACE - 2 COR. 8:7
 GOD HAS PROMISED - 2 COR. 9:8

HOW MUCH TO GIVE?

HOW DO YOU PROSPER? - 1 COR. 16:1, 2
 TILL IT HURTS? - NO.
 TILL IT MAKES YOU FEEL GOOD.
 ALLOWED UP TO 30% OF INCOME TAX FREE.

SOUND IN FAITH

Titus 2:1, 2

1. Soundness in faith is not limited to benevolence and cooperation.
2. One could be sound in these and unsound in others and be lost. Let's be sound in all.

I. Sound In Doctrine

- A. We ought to hold fast to sound words and sound doctrine.
- B. Our speech ought to show soundness - speaking as the oracles of God.
- C. We ought to always stay in the doctrine of Christ.
- D. Some need to be rebuked to be sound - some won't endure sound doctrine.

II. Sound In Worship

- A. Must engage in true worship - like the apostles - in spirit - right attitude.
- B. Neither ignorant, vain nor will worship is acceptable to God.

III. Sound In Work

- A. We are given all the instruction we need for the work we are to do.
- B. The church is to preach and support preaching of the gospel - edify saints and help saints in need. (Individual Christians are to help others too.)
- C. Some want to involve the church in the social gospel - civil rights, etc.

IV. Conversation Or Manner Of Life

- A. Our way of life should become the gospel and not be like those in the world.
- B. Christians should observe God's teaching on godly living - dress properly - not love the world - abstain from appearance of evil and fleshly lusts.
- C. Some persist in the works of the flesh.

How Sound Are We?

SOUND IN FAITH

DOCTRINE

HOLD FAST SOUND WORDS - 2 TIM. 1:13
USE SOUND DOCTRINE - TIT. 1:9
SPEECH BECOME SOUND DOCTRINE - TIT. 2:1
USE SOUND SPEECH - TIT. 2:7, 8:1 PET. 4:11
ABIDE IN DOCTRINE - 2 JO. 9
REBUKE TO CAUSE SOUNDNESS - TIT. 1:13
SOME WON'T ENDURE - 2 TIM. 4:1-4

WORK

FURNISHED THOROUGHLY - 2 TIM. 3:16, 17
PREACH GOSPEL - MK. 16:15: 1 TIM. 3:15
SUPPORT PREACHING - 1 COR. 9:9-14
EDIFY - EPH. 4:15, 16
RELIEVE WIDOWS INDEED - 1 TIM. 5:9, 10, 16
HELP NEEDY SAINTS - ACTS 11:27-30: ROM. 15:25-27
SOME WANT SOCIAL GOSPEL - 1 PET. 4:11

TIT. 2:1, 2

WORSHIP

TRUE WORSHIP - JO. 4:20-24
CONTINUE IN APOSTLES' DOCTRINE - ACTS 2:42
WORSHIP IN SPIRIT - PHIL. 3:3
SOME WORSHIP IGNORANTLY - ACTS 17:23
SOME WORSHIP IN VAIN - MT. 15:8, 9
SOME WORSHIP AFTER OWN WILL - COL. 2:20-22

CONVERSATION

BECOME GOSPEL - PHIL. 1:27
NOT CONFORM TO WORLD - ROM. 12:1, 2
MODEST APPAREL - 1 TIM. 2:9, 10
LOVE NOT WORLD - 1 JO. 2:15-17
ABSTAIN FROM APPEARANCE OF EVIL - 1 TH. 5:22
ABSTAIN FROM FLESHLY LUSTS - 1 PET. 2:11, 12
SOME PERSIST IN WORKS OF FLESH -
GAL. 5:19-21

SOUND PREACHING

2 Timothy 4:1-4; Titus 2:1

1. The word "sound" means free from flaw or defect, healthy, robust.
2. This is the kind of preaching that all should want and encourage.
3. Note some things that sound preaching does.
 - I. It Exalts Christ And His Authority
 - A. Christ is God's Son. Jesus is the Christ - long looked for by the Jews.
 - B. He is Lord - Ruler - Master.
 - C. He has all authority in heaven and in earth for God gave it to Him.
 - II. It Instructs In Righteousness
 - A. God has furnished His people completely as to instruction in righteousness.
 - B. We are to be servants of and live unto righteousness.
 - III. It Emphasizes Obedience
 - A. Obedience purifies souls and is necessary to salvation.
 - B. The end of disobedience is destruction.
 - IV. Sound Preaching Exposes Error
 - A. Jesus did and so did Paul.
 - B. There are false teachers - they are to be marked.
 - V. It Contends For The Faith
 - A. Paul did this and said that he was set for the defense of the gospel.
 - B. We are exhorted to contend for the faith.
 - VI. Sound Preaching Warns Man Against
 - A. Apostasy - Covetousness - Ungodliness.

What Is Your Attitude Toward Sound Preaching? Do You Encourage It?

SOUND PREACHING

2 TIM. 4:1-4: TIT. 2:1

EXALTS CHRIST & HIS AUTHORITY

GOD'S SON - MT. 17:5: ACTS 9:26
JESUS IS CHRIST - MT. 16:13-18: ACTS 17:2-3
HE IS LORD - ROM. 10:9,10: 2 COR. 4:5
HAS ALL AUTHORITY - MT. 28:18: JO. 12:48,49: LK. 6:46

INSTRUCTS IN RIGHTEOUSNESS

COMPLETELY FURNISHED - 2 TIM. 3:16,17
BE SERVANTS OF - ROM. 6:16-18, 13:8: 5:14
LIVE UNTO - 1 PET. 2:21-24

EMPHASIZES OBEDIENCE

TO PURIFY SOULS - 1 PET. 1:22
NECESSARY TO SALVATION - MT. 7:21-23: HEB. 5:8,9
THE END OF DISOBEDIENCE - 1 PET. 4:17: 2 TH. 1:7-9

EXPOSES ERROR

JESUS DID - MT. 6:1, 5:16: 23:13,14
PAUL DID - ACTS 17:22-29: GAL. 2:11-14
FALSE TEACHERS - MT. 7:15-20: 2 PET. 2:1-3
MARK THEM - ROM. 16:17,18

CONTENDS FOR THE FAITH

PAUL DID - ACTS 19:8
SET FOR DEFENCE - PHIL. 1:16,17
EXHORTED TO - JUDE 3

WARNS AGAINST

APOSTASY - ACTS 20:28-31
COVETOUSNESS - LK. 12:15
UNGODLINESS - GAL. 6:7,8:
1 COR. 6:9,10



THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

Exodus 20:1-17

1. There is much misunderstanding over the ten commandments as to whom they were given and how long they were to be binding.

2. A good study of this matter is needed.

I. What Are The Facts?

A. The Bible clearly shows that the covenant and the ten commandments are one and the same. Sabbatarians deny this.

B. The law, the law of God and the law of Moses are all the same. The law to which the Romans became dead was the ten commandment law - Rom. 7:4, 7.

C. The ten commandment law was given to the children of Israel because of transgressions and was to bring them to Christ.

D. Some refuse to believe they were to be for a limited time. Consider the use of the words "forever" and "perpetual" in the scriptures listed on the chart.

E. A new covenant was to be made - the old one was said to be faulty - it could not save.

F. The old was to last till the seed (Christ) came to fulfill and end it.

G. Christians are not under the ten commandments.

II. In The New Testament Similar Commands Are Given But Are Stronger

A. There is one true God. Idols are forbidden and we are commanded not to swear.

B. Parents are to be honored and obeyed.

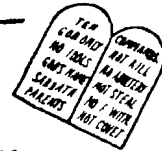
C. We are not to kill nor even hate - not to commit adultery, not even in heart.

D. We are not to steal, bear false witness nor covet.

E. Note: There is no command to keep the sabbath given to Christians.

Obey The Commands That Apply To You!

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS



EX. 20:1-17

WHAT ARE THE FACTS ?

COVENANT - EX. 34:28; DEUT. 4:13; 1 KGS. 8:9, 21

LAW - NEH. 8:18; ROM. 7:4, 7 * MT. 22:35-40; MK. 12:28-31

TO ISRAEL IN HOREB - DEUT. 5:1-3, 6-21

BECAUSE OF TRANSGRESSIONS - GAL. 3:19

BRING TO CHRIST - GAL. 3:24, 25

FOR LIMITED TIME

FOREVER? - EX. 31:17 & DEUT. 18:5; JONAH 2:6

PERPETUAL? (AGE, INDEFINITE TIME) - EX. 31:16;

NUM. 19:21; EX. 29:9; 40:15 & HEB. 7:11, 12

NEW COVENANT TO BE MADE - JER. 31:31-34;

HEB. 8:8-13 & 1 KGS. 8:9, 21

OLD COVENANT FAULTY - HEB. 8:6, 7

TILL SEED COME - GAL. 3:19, 24, 25

CHRIST TO FULFILL - MT. 5:17, 18

CHRIST TO END (TERMINATE) - ROM. 10:4; COL. 2:14-17

CHRISTIANS NOT UNDER - ROM. 7:4; 1 COR. 9:20, 21

IN NEW TESTAMENT COMMANDS WITH GREATER CLEARNESS & FORCE

1. ONLY TRUE GOD - JO. 17:3

2. IDOLS FORBIDDEN - 1 JO. 5:20, 21

3. NOT TO SWEAR - MT. 5:33-37; JS. 5:12

5. HONOR PARENTS - EPH. 6:1, 2; 1 TIM. 5:4, 8

6. NOT KILL - MT. 5:21, 22; 1 JO. 3:15

7. NOT COMMIT ADULTERY - MT. 5:27, 28, 31, 32

8. NOT STEAL - EPH. 4:28

9. NOT BEAR FALSE WITNESS - ROM. 13:9

10. NOT COVET - EPH. 5:3

NO COMMAND TO KEEP THE SABBATH.

ACTS 20:7; 1 COR. 16:1, 2

TWO GOSPELS

Matthew 6:25-34

1. Jesus emphasized the greater value of man's soul than his body - Matt. 10:28.
2. The social gospel idea was well expressed by William A. Windt at the funeral of James Reeb, the Unitarian preacher killed in Ala. crusading for civil rights. He said of his friend, "He had a great love for people and their needs." "He could not have cared less about whether they were going to heaven, he cared where they were going now." Time Magazine (5-19-65 page 26).

3. Note the great contrast.

I. The Gospel Of Christ

- A. Is concerned with man's soul - his spiritual needs - his freedom from sin.
- B. It is concerned with his right to pray - his salvation - food for his soul.
- C. It prepares him for heaven and eternal happiness and makes him a better man while on earth.

II. The Social Gospel

- A. Is interested in man's body - his physical and social needs and desires.
- B. Wants to assure him of his right to political freedom and to vote.
- C. Seeks to provide him with entertainment and food for his body which causes him to lose any desire he might have for heaven.
- D. Presents his present happiness as the important thing and in doing so makes him worse instead of better - lazy - the world owes him a living.

Are You More Concerned About The Spiritual Or Physical?

- Contrasts can be made item by item.

TWO GOSPELS

MATT. 6:25-34

THE GOSPEL OF CHRIST

IS CONCERNED WITH...

MAN'S SOUL - MT. 16:24-26:28:18-20: MK. 16:15,16

MAN'S SPIRITUAL NEEDS - EPH. 1:3:2 PET. 1:3-11

MAN'S FREEDOM FROM SIN - ROM. 6:17,18,1-5

MAN'S RIGHT TO PRAY - JO. 9:31: 1PET. 3:12

SALVATION OF MAN - ROM. 1:16

FEEDING MAN'S SOUL - JO. 6:35: 1PET. 2:1,2

PREPARING MAN FOR HEAVEN - MT. 7:21: REV. 2:10

ETERNAL HAPPINESS - ACTS 20:32: 1PET. 1:3-5

MAKES MAN BETTER - 1COR. 6:9-11

THE SOCIAL GOSPEL

IS CONCERNED WITH...

MAN'S BODY

MAN'S PHYSICAL NEEDS & DESIRES

MAN'S SOCIAL & POLITICAL FREEDOM

MAN'S RIGHT TO VOTE

ENTERTAINMENT OF MAN

FEEDING MAN'S BODY

CAUSES MAN TO LOSE DESIRE FOR HEAVEN

MAN'S PRESENT HAPPINESS

MAKES MAN WORSE

CHRIST TAUGHT CONCERN FOR SPIRITUAL OVER PHYSICAL - MT. 10:28

THE WAY TO UNITY

John 17:20-23

1. Jesus prayed that all who would believe in Him might be one as He and His Father are one.
2. This unity can be gained but not on the plans of men - only on God's plan.
 - I. Men Must Recognize This Great Fact - There Is
 - A. One Body and it is the church of the Lord.
 - B. One Spirit - the Holy Spirit.
 - C. One Hope and that is in Christ Jesus and our obedience to Him.
 - D. One Lord and He is Jesus the Christ.
 - E. One Faith and that is the teaching - the doctrine of Christ.
 - F. One Baptism - the one Jesus commanded.
 - G. One God - the Father - the Creator.

Will You Do What You Can That The Prayer Of Jesus Might Be Answered?

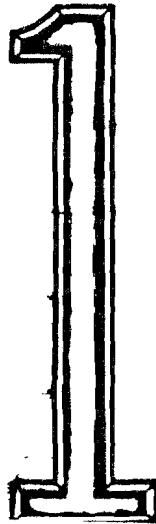
THE WAY TO UNITY

JOHN 17:20-23

RECOGNIZE
& ACCEPT
THIS GREAT FACT:

There Is

EPH. 4:4-6



BODY - THE CHURCH - EPH. 1:22,23:COL. 1:18:1COR.12:12,20:
EPH. 5:25,23

SPIRIT - THE HOLY SPIRIT - JO. 14:26:16:13: EPH. 4:30:
1THESS. 4:8

HOPE - IN CHRIST - 1THESS. 1:3: 1TIM. 1:1: COL. 1:27

LORD - JESUS CHRIST - 1COR. 12:3: ROM. 10:9
PHIL. 2:9-11: 3:20

FAITH - TEACHING OF CHRIST - ACTS 6:7:13:8: ROM. 1:5:
GAL. 1:23: PHIL. 1:27: JUDE 3

BAPTISM - CHRIST'S - MT. 28:18-20: MK. 16:15,16: ACTS 2:38:
ROM. 6:3-5: GAL. 3:27: 1PET. 3:21

GOD - THE FATHER - GEN. 1:1: JO. 17:3: 1COR. 8:4-6:
1TIM. 2:5: 1THESS. 1:1

WHAT COMES BEFORE FIRST?

Matthew 6:24-34

1. This is a lesson that is needed by everyone. What really does being first mean?
2. Many things are allowed to come before what the Bible teaches is first.

I. What The Bible Teaches Is First

- A. God must come first. We are to seek first His kingdom and righteousness.
- B. We must put Christ before our families and our own lives.
- C. Doing the Father's will must come before doing our will.
- D. The Father's business is first before ours.
- E. Our striving should be first to enter the strait gate.
- F. Our first affections should be set on things above not on things on the earth.

II. What Do So Many Actually Put Before First?

- A. They put themselves and their own convenience first.
- B. Many put their families and their desires before first.
- C. Some have more concern for their friends and in pleasing them than God.
- D. Many put their jobs before first. "We've got to make a living haven't we?"
- E. Personal possessions come before first for many.
- F. Pleasures are allowed to take precedence before service to God.

What About You? Do You Really Put First Things First? Are You Doing So?

WHAT COMES BEFORE

SELF?
LK. 9:23
MT. 16:23-26
LK. 14:26

FAMILY?
MT. 10:37
LK. 14:26
LK. 9:59-62

FRIENDS?
GAL. 1:10
JS. 4:4

MT. 6:24-34
GOD - MT. 6:33 : MK. 12:28-30
CHRIST - MT. 10:37 : 16:25
FATHER - WILK. MT. 7:21
FATHER - BUSINESS - LK. 2:48-49
STRIVE - ENTER - LK. 13:23-24
AFFECTION - SET ABOVE COL. 3:1,2

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JOB?
LK. 8:14
1 TIM. 6:6-12

POSSESSIONS?
MT. 6:19-21
COL. 3:2
LK. 14:16-19
MT. 19:29

PLEASURE?
1 JO. 2:15-17
LK. 8:14
GAL. 6:7,8

WHO CARES FOR MY SOUL?

Psalms 142:4

1. Some people wonder if anyone cares whether they are lost or saved.
2. Is not this attitude really a matter of self justification? A person may have shown no interest whatever in his own soul but wants to put the blame on others so says "Who cares for my soul anyway?"
3. This attitude is often true of neglectful and unfaithful members of the church.

I. Some Who Do Care

- A. God does and has demonstrated it in the great gift of His Son for all.
- B. Christ does and has shown it by His teaching and death in our behalf and by His present work of interceding for His people.
- C. The Holy Spirit does by revealing God's will for man and inviting all to come.
- D. The angels do for they rejoice when a sinner repents.
- E. All faithful Christians do for they recognize the responsibility God has given to them to reach the lost with the truth.
- F. Even the lost care. The rich man did not want his brothers to be in torment.

II. Do You Care?

- A. This is really the big question. Suppose some of our fellow men don't care about us that won't change our individual responsibility. Every man has to bear his own burden, appear for himself before the judgment seat of Christ and give an account of himself to God.
- B. Do you care for your soul? Have you obeyed the gospel?
- C. As a member of the church do you care? Are you a faithful Christian?

Who Cares? If You Don't How Can You Blame Others?

— WHO CARES FOR MY SOUL? —

PSM.142:4

GOD DOES - JO.3:16,17;1JO.4:9,10; ROM.5:8;1PET.5:7; 2PET.3:9

CHRIST DOES -MT.16:24-26;20:28;LK.19:10;TIT.2:13,14;HEB.2:9;7:25

THE HOLY SPIRIT DOES - JO.14:26; REV.22:17

ANGELS DO -LK.15:10;REV.3:5

CHRISTIANS DO -MT.28:18-20;MK.16:15;GAL.6:1;JS.5:19,20

THE LOST DO -LK.16:25-28



DO YOU?

GAL.6:5;2COR.5:10;ROM.14:12

HAVE YOU OBEYED?

2THESS.1:7-9

ARE YOU FAITHFUL?

REV.2:10

