

REACHING THE LOST

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Evangelism

Welcome

It is a pleasure to have you with us this hour. Our endeavor is to worship God in Spirit and in Truth by adhering to the scriptures in all that we do and teach.

If you desire to have a private Bible Study at your convenience, let us know.

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God Made, or Man Made

Christianity is a common enough phrase in our society. Many organizations claim to be "Christian" in doctrine and practice. The question is, "Are they?" Could they not just as well be serving some man-made god under the guise of Christianity? What makes doctrine and practice "Christian"? Is it not "following Christ"? Is it not simple enough to determine what allegiance is being paid by a comparison of doctrine and practice, as is set forth in the Bible?

The apostle Paul once instructed the Corinthian Christians that they should "learn not to go beyond the things which are written" (1 Corinthians 4:6). The danger of apostasy is not only possible but also probable. Paul told the young evangelist Timothy, "But the Spirit saith expressly, that in later times some shall fall away from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of demons, through the hypocrisy of men that speak lies, branded in their own conscience as

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with a hot iron; forbidding to marry, and commanding to abstain from meats, which God created to be received with thanksgiving by them that believe and know the truth" (1 Timothy 4:1-3). In like manner he told Timothy, "For the time will come when they will not endure the sound doctrine; but, having itching ears, will heap to themselves teachers after their own lusts; and will turn away their ears from the truth, and turn aside unto fables" (2 Timothy 4:3-4).

When we look at the religious society within which we live, what do we see? Do we not see many different doctrines and practices? The apostle Paul affirmed that "God is not a God of confusion, but of peace" (1 Corinthians 14:33). Yet, that's what the religious world would have us believe. James affirmed, "For where jealousy and faction are, there is confusion and every vile deed" (James 3:16). Confusion is, "instability, a state of disorder, disturbance, confusion" (Thayer's Greek Definitions). If all the religions of our society that claim to be following Christ were doing so, would there be so much confusion? Confusion is not a product of God's teaching but that of man's. Paul once spoke of his countrymen who "being ignorant of God's righteousness and seeking to establish their own, they did not subject themselves to the righteousness of God" (Romans 10:3). The same is true today. People have a zeal for God, but they have been misled by the religious leaders who "with feigned words make merchandise" (2 Peter 2:3) of them.

What is the basis of your faith? Do you "know" what the will of God is, or do you put your trust in those who lead you? Ross Triplett, Sr. (Continued, Pg. 2)

Solomon Says

Prepare thy work without,
And make it ready for thee in the field;
And afterwards build thy house.
Prov. 24:27

Why Man Needs...

I. Introduction:

- A. Needs or Requisite: "something that is necessary or required to achieve some goal or do some task"
- B. Eph. 5:29 - All living entities have needs
- C. Prov. 1:24-27 - Preparing for the future an indicator of wisdom
- D. Preparing for "After death, what then?" is likewise an indicator of wisdom:
 - 1. 1 Tim. 6:13-16; Jn. 1:18 - No man hath seen God.
 - 2. Rom. 1:20 - But evidence of God is plain.

II. Why Does Man Need God?

- A. Because you were created by God:
 - 1. Psa. 139:13-17 - God formed man.
 - 2. Acts 17:26-28 - "in him we live"
 - 3. Acts 14:17 - God provides physically.
 - 4. Eph. 1:3 - Provides spiritually
- B. Because all mankind will give an account:
 - 1. Acts 17:29-32 - judgment appointed
 - 2. 2 Cor. 5:10 - "all made manifest"
 - 3. Acts 24:15 - "just and unjust"
- C. Because God loves mankind:
 - 1. Rom. 5:12 - Transgression of Adam
 - 2. Gen. 2:17 - Consequences? Death
 - 3. Ezek. 33:11 - death of the wicked
 - 4. Gen. 3:15 - God's resolution
- D. Rom. 5:14 - Death reigned
- E. Rom. 6:23 - Wages of sin...death
- F. Eph. 2:12 - Mankind was without hope.
- G. Heb. 10:27 - Subject to the fierceness of fire
- H. Rom. 5:8 - "But God" provided.

III. Why Does Man Need Jesus?

- A. Rom. 5:12-14 - Through Adam sin entered the world.
- B. Rom. 6:23 - Wages of sin is death.
- C. Rom. 5:6 - Mankind has no ability to escape.
- D. 2 Thess. 1:9 - Eternal destruction inevitable
- E. Rom. 1:18; 2 Pet. 3:7 - God's wrath will come.
- F. Rom. 5:6-11 - In Christ, mankind has an opportunity.
- G. 1 Jn. 4:9-10 - God's love was manifested.
- H. Rom. 3:25-26 - God set forth a propitiation.
- I. Heb. 5:9 - Christ the author of eternal salvation.
- J. Gal. 3:16-17 - As many as are baptized into Christ.
- K. Acts 4:12 - "And in none other is there salvation."