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WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?

1. **Hear** the Gospel (Romans 10:13-17).
2. **Believe** the Gospel (Acts 15:7; Mark 16:15, 16).
3. **Repent** of Sins (Acts 3:19).
4. **Confess** Faith in Christ (Acts 8:37).
5. **Be Baptized** for Remission of Sins (Acts 2:38).
6. **Be Faithful** (Revelation 2:10).



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THE CHRISTIAN AND GAMBLING

Mark Lindley

Did you realize that 2.9 percent of U.S. adults are considered to be problem gamblers? The gambling casinos would like to persuade us that gambling is a good, wholesome form of recreation like fishing or golfing. What the casinos do not tell us is that the average debt incurred by a male problem gambler in the U.S. is between \$55,000 and \$90,000.

Neither do the casinos want us to know that the suicide rate for problem gamblers is twenty times higher than for non-gamblers (one in five attempts suicide). No, the billboards advertising for the Tunica gaming business do not want us to know that sixty-five percent of problem gamblers commit crimes to support their gambling habit, and that the average rate of divorce for problem gamblers is nearly double that of non-gamblers.

Of course, some would respond by saying, "I'm not a problem gambler. I'm not addicted, and I view it as harmless recreation." We might expect such statements from those who do not claim to be Christians, but it is alarming to hear "Christians" (?) defending gambling. Gambling is at odds with the Christian life for the following reasons: (1) It violates the principle of stewardship (I Cor.4:2; Psm.50:10-12; Matt.25:14-30). God expects us to use our money wisely! (2) Gambling is often motivated by covetousness and a love of money (Col.3:5; Luke 12:15; I Tim.6:9-10); (3) Gambling violates the Golden Rule (Matt.7:12). In gambling, one must desire the misfortune of his opponent. One cannot honor the Golden Rule while desiring the misfortune of another; (4) Gambling is addictive and enslaving (cf. I Cor.6:12). There can be no dispute about the addictive nature of gambling since 15 million people in America show signs of gambling addiction; (5) The known gambler will lose his ability to influence others for Christ (cf. I Cor.9:12). Can a sincere child of God practice that which will hinder the cause of Christ? (6) Gambling violates the Bible's work ethic (Gen.3:19; II Thes.3:10; Eph.4:28).

These are just some of the reasons a Christian must not gamble. Others could be given. Though the Bible does not say, "Thou shalt not gamble," the Scriptural principles set forth here condemn it.

SOME THINGS CANNOT BE CHANGED

James Pilgrim

Some time back the writer was getting a bulletin ready to print at the West Concord Church of Christ. He was using John Priola's name for some announcement. The computer did not recognize the name Priola, and it suggested changing the spelling to one of the following: Preload, Oriole, Pergola, Premolar, Portola, Prolix, Parabola, Prelaw, Areola, or Parole. Neither of these would have been correct. Priola was right. The fact that the computer spell check did not recognize the correct spelling did not change the truth. All can understand and appreciate this. The word of God **does not** change. Jesus said, "Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth." (John 17:17). God's truth **is not** to be changed. Moses told Israel, "Ye shall not add unto the word which I command you, neither shall ye diminish aught from it, that ye may keep the commandments of the Lord your God which I command you." (Deuteronomy 4:2). To do so would be to worship in vain, teaching the doctrines and commandments of man. (Matthew 15:7-9). In spite of such clear teaching, Paul, "by the revelation of Jesus Christ" (Galatians 1:11, 12), told "the churches of Galatia" (Galatians 1:1, 2), "I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel: which is not another; but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ." (Verses 6, 7).

He immediately gave them this warning, "But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed." (Verse 8). To make sure they did not miss the point just made, the Holy Spirit (2 Peter 1:20, 21) had Paul repeat verse 8. (Read, Verse 9). Compare Proverbs 30:6 and Revelation 22:18, 19 to Deuteronomy 4:2.

Sadly, things have not changed. Many present day preachers and teachers change the word of God to their personal beliefs. In spite of the clear teaching of Jesus, many (most) tell those whom they teach what they think or what they want to hear, rather than what the "author of eternal salvation" (Hebrews 5:8, 9) said. Several years ago, at Trenton, Georgia, the writer was studying the word of God with a man who believed that salvation was by "faith alone." He had been taught that one had to be born again (John 3:3), being told that faith only was required to do that. When he was asked to read John 3:5, he did so, and then asked this question, "Why did my preacher not read that verse?" After other studies, this honest man, like the Ephesians of Acts 19:1-7, obeyed God, rather than man. He died in Christ. Cf. Galatians 3:26, 27.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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*Remember count your blessings,
pray for our lost ones, the sick, the
world and the broken-hearted.*

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Jane Morrison, Patti Hall, George Doss,
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