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Announcements

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Scripture Reading

Jeff Brewer

Opening Prayer

Tim McMillin (A.M.)
Logan Yancey(P.M.)

Closing Prayer

Brock Lindley (A.M.)
Rickey Loveless (P.M.)

Lord's Table

Mickey Chandler

Count and Usher

Randell Koon & J C Newby

Wednesday Night Song Leader

Mason McAlister (12/14/22)

OUR RECORD

December 4, 2022

Sunday Bible Study: 78
Sunday Morning Worship: 90
Sunday Evening Worship: 68
Wednesday Night Bible Study: 75

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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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Is There A Right Way and A Wrong Way to Live? Carl B. Garner

Have you ever tried to get something done on the computer and discovered you were doing it the “wrong way”? How about preparing your income tax return? It doesn't take long to realize that there is a right way and a wrong way to do some things.

What about life – is there a “right way” to live your life? Or a “wrong way” to treat your spouse or your children? We often learn those things the “hard way.”

When we begin to look at moral questions we hear some say there is no “right way” and “wrong way,” only “my way” and “your way.” That is confusing, I agree, but we must give a Bible answer to our question: Is there a “right way”?

MORALS – YESTERDAY AND TODAY

Most of us are aware that today's standards of behavior are often pretty shaky. Modern man likes “pluralism”, which gives him a lot of choices in morals. When the Bible is consulted, however, it becomes clear that God says there is a right and a wrong way.

In the earliest days of King Saul, the great prophet, Samuel, addressed the nation and gave them a way to be righteous before God and before their neighbors:

“The Lord will not forsake his people: because it hath pleased the Lord to make you his people. Moreover as for me, God forbid that I should sin against the Lord in ceasing to pray for you: but I will teach you the good and the right way: Only fear the Lord, and serve him in truth with all your heart,” 1 Samuel 12:22-24.

Those were difficult times for God's people. He made it known that there is a “good and right way” for them to live. God still has a “right way” for His people.

In Psalm 107, His family is encouraged to “Give thanks to the Lord,” for He had taken a wandering people and guided them from the four corners of the earth to a place of rest. In verses 6 and 7 we read:

“Then they cried unto the Lord in their trouble, and He delivered them out of their distresses. And He led them forth by the right way.”

Yes, there is a right and a good way, and if we will but listen to His Word, we can find it and rejoice in it. It is the only way to true peace.

CAN WE FORSAKE THE RIGHT WAY?

Unfortunately, some do stray from the “right way,” and find that wrong path strewn with temptation and distress. The apostle Peter describes those people as possessing such qualities as:

“... lust... self-willed... speak evil... corruption... adultery...”

Those words in 2 Peter 2:1-15 describe those who are led astray by “false teachers,” “even denying the Lord that bought them.”

This context ends with the words, “Which have forsaken the right way, and are gone astray.” Even later in that same chapter they are said to be in eternal peril:

“For it had been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than, after they have known it, to turn from the holy commandment delivered unto them. But it is happened unto them according to the true proverb, The dog is turned to his own vomit again; and the sow that was washed to her wallowing in the mire,” 2 Peter 2:21-22.

That’s what can happen to those who forsake the right way and stay in the wrong way. They will reach a destination they will regret for eternity. Yes, there is a “right way” and a “wrong way.”

WHY SHOULD I TAKE THE RIGHT WAY?

Is there any good reason to avoid that “wrong way”? Is that way not the happy way, the way of pleasure, of enjoying the “good life”?

“Thus saith the Lord, Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls. But they said, We will not walk therein.” Jeremiah 6:16

That’s what Satan and his emissaries will tell you. But they are wrong – dead wrong! There is no better life for anyone than that of the person who can look forward to eternal life with Jesus, with the saints of old, with Abraham and Moses. Nothing Satan can offer can come close.

Jesus said in the Sermon on the Mount that there are two “ways.” One leads to life, the other to destruction, Matthew 7:13-14. One way appears to be the easiest, the quickest way, but it takes you where you don’t want to go. The way to “life” has a few bumps along the way, but there is a joy in living for Christ that can never be ignored.

HOW CAN I KNOW THE RIGHT WAY?

It’s not always easy for us to know the way we should go. Today’s choices of profession, location, lifestyle – all have their advocates. But God’s Word is the road map to eternal bliss, and God’s Love is its motive. Sanford Bennett wrote these words to a familiar song:

*There’s a land that is fairer than day,
And by faith we can see it afar.
For the Father waits over the way,
To prepare us a dwelling place there.*

While there are alternate routes to some earthly destinations, there is only God’s way to heaven. Why not take the “way” God has provided. You will meet some nice folks along the way, and live with some great folks for eternity.

So think about those three categories of corrupt speech: the curse, using God’s name in vain, and making common something that is holy. Are any of these words that we are discussing euphemisms for curses? Are any of them euphemisms for God’s name? I think that we can see that they are and as such would be in that category of forbidden speech that Paul described as “corrupt communication.” The euphemism itself (gosh, golly, dang, darn, etc.) is really just a milder way to utter a curse or use God’s name in vain. Such corrupt speech ought not to cross the lips of the Christian.

UPCOMING

CHRISTMAS CAROLING December 18th

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REMEMBER IN PRAYER

IN LOVE AND SYMPATHY: Our hearts go out in deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Donny Jackson (Dawn Jackson’s Brother-in-law), Jancie Walker (Dawn Jackson’s Mother), Jimmy Wayne Robertson and Kirby Carpenter.

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

SICK SUNDAY: Amy Staggs, Wilma Wood, Chris Moore Family, Chase Chapman Family

HOSPITAL: Jodie Criswell (TCH)

SURGERY RECOVERY: Pat Shackelford, David Smith, Cheryl Chapman

•**EXTENDED ILLNESS:** Theo Smith, Joe Clark, Louise Pannell (Sharon’s Mother), Malone Hurt, Gerohn Childs, Junior Derrick, Jane Morrison, George Doss, Joanie Kate Reese, Thad Berryman

•**CANCER:** Haley Loveless, Sidra Davis, Trish Clark, Lennox Kennamore (Leukemia), Jimmie Wayne Roberson, Johnnie Carpenter, Kevin Clifton, Austin Wentz, Steve Barnes (Mickey & Gail Chandler’s Son-in-law), Betty Faye Ledbury,

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