

THINK ON THESE THINGS (Philippians 4:8)

Flase Teaching

OUR FAMILY NEWS

Pray: Ralph Campbell, Josiah, Wayne and Cathy, Helen Spicer, Peggy . All health care providers

Daylight Savings Time: Remember that Daylight Savings Time begins next Sunday. So set your clocks BACK one hour Saturday night.

Traveling/Working: Slope workers. Ben, Carla and family are in TN for a couple of months.

Friday Evening Class: The class this Friday evening will be cancelled.

Radio Programs: Listen to "Searching the Scriptures", our weekly radio program and our "One Minute for God" series which airs three times a day six days a week on KMBQ 99.7.

Today's Scripture: "Let us walk honestly, as in the day; not in rioting and drunkenness, not in chambering and wantonness, not in strife and envying."

Romans 13:13 (KJV)

Wisdom for Today: "There was a man in the land of Uz, whose name was Job; and that man was perfect and upright, and one that feared God, and eschewed evil." **Job 1:1 (KJV)**

Attendance Last Sunday 73: Our Record: 107

For more detail, please go to the web site.

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God's Plan of Salvation

Hear..... Romans 10:17
 Believe..... Mark 16:16, Hebrews 11:1-6
 Repent..... Acts 2:38, II Corinthians 7:10
 Confess..... Romans 10:9-10, Matthew 10:32-33
 Be Baptized Mark 16:16, Acts 22:16
 Arise & Walk in Newness of Life Romans 6:4

"For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth..."

CONTACT INFORMATION

MEETING TIMES

Sunday:
 Bible Classes: 10AM
 AM Worship: 11AM
 PM Worship: 5PM

Wednesday:
 Bible Study: 7PM

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False Teaching/False Teachers

False teaching and false teachers have been around the church almost from its origin. It wasn't long after the church began that the Jewish Christians demonstrated their reluctance to accept Gentiles as brothers and sisters. Peter even fell for this once, although he was the one that opened the door allowing Gentiles to be saved when he went to Cornelius and taught him the simple truth of the Gospel. Paul tells us about Peter's struggle with this in **Galatians 2:11-12 (KJV)** when he wrote "But when Peter was come to Antioch, I withstood him to the face, because he was to be blamed. For before that certain came from James, he did eat with the Gentiles: but when they were come, he withdrew and separated himself, fearing them which were of the circumcision." This became more of an issue in the church, and Paul dealt with it as he did with Peter. In **Acts 15:1-2 (KJV)** we read about this when Luke wrote "And certain men which came down from Judaea taught the brethren, and said, Except ye be circumcised after the manner of Moses, ye cannot be saved. When therefore Paul and Barnabas had no small dissension and disputation with them, they determined that Paul and Barnabas, and certain other of them, should go up to Jerusalem unto the apostles and elders about this question."

The Apostles attitude toward false teachers was clear, they wouldn't tolerate them nor their false doctrine. Paul teaches us how to deal with false teachers. In **Romans 16:17-18 (KJV)** Paul tells us "Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them. For they that are such serve not our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly; and by good words and fair speeches deceive the hearts of the simple." And in **2 Thessalonians 3:6 (KJV)** Paul is exceptionally clear in his instructions about dealing with sin in the church; "Now we command you, brethren, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye withdraw yourselves from every brother that walketh disorderly, and not after the tradition which he received of us." The in his letter to Titus he makes even a stronger statement; **Titus 3:10-11 (KJV)** "A man that is an heretick after the first and second admonition reject; Knowing that he that is such is subverted, and sinneth, being condemned of himself." Peter told the Christians that there would be false teachers in the church. In **2 Peter 2:1 (KJV)** Peter tells us: "But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction."

We have records of Paul dealing with false teachers. Paul dealt with the false teaching that there was no resurrection from the dead. In **1 Corinthians 15:12-14 (KJV)** we find Paul dealing with this "Now if Christ be preached that he rose from the dead, how say some among you that there is no resurrection of the dead? But if there be no resurrection of the dead, then is Christ not risen: And if Christ be not risen, then is our preaching vain, and your faith is also vain." And in **2 Corinthians 13:1-2 (KJV)** Paul tells the Corinthian Christians that he will

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deal with sin in the church when he gets there' "This is the third time I am coming to you. In the mouth of two or three witnesses shall every word be established. I told you before, and foretell you, as if I were present, the second time; and being absent now I write to them which heretofore have sinned, and to all other, that, if I come again, I will not spare." But not only did Paul deal with errors in the churches as a whole, he also named names when there was error. In **Philippians 4:2 (KJV)** he cautions two individuals about division "I beseech Euodias, and beseech Syntyche, that they be of the same mind in the Lord."

Satan tried to stamp out the early church with physical torture, murder and by introducing false teaching. It was the knowledge of the scripture and the attitude of the Elders and Apostles that prevented false teaching and false teachers from taking over the early churches. Today Satan is using other tools rather than physical torture here in the United States, but he is still introducing error into the churches with the help of false teachers. Within the last few hundred years there have been false doctrines introduced into the church that has caused divisions and many honest believers to lose their souls. The first of these is the idea of a sinners prayer. This is not taught anywhere in the bible. What we do see though are at least two instances of people who were praying sincerely and were not saved until they were baptized. Both Saul of Tarsus and Cornelius prayed to God, but in both cases God sent someone to tell them what they needed to do. But the idea of saying a sinners prayer for salvation has caught hold and is being actively taught in most denominations today. And the false teachings of John Calvin has infected most modern denominations in one way or another.

But the church of Christ has not escaped false teachers and false doctrine. Wayne Jackson deals with a false doctrine taught in several churches within the last twenty years. This false doctrine is "The Doctrine of Open Theism". One characteristic of this is that "God might be mistaken about some points" and that he is not Omniscience. While He does know all that can be known, some things cannot be known even to Him. There are also false teachers and false doctrine invading the church about the Holy Spirit. Some are teaching that He is not a person. And the false teachers concerning marriage. Many are teaching today that marriage can be between two people of the same sex. Others are teaching that people can be divorced and remarried as many times as they want prior to being baptized. False teachers and false doctrine will only be kept out of the church in the same way it was in the first century. Men of God must be willing to be watchful and then they must be willing to confront those teaching such things. It is our attitude toward false teaching that matters. Are we willing to tolerate it? Are we even willing to promote it in the name of being progressive? Or will we have the attitude of the Apostles and confront false teachers at every turn?