

Schedule of Events

Vacation Bible School begins tomorrow! The dates are August 1–5, 2022. Contact Joe for to see how you can assist and for more information and help spread the news.

Think on These Things Philippians 4:8

Mark was dragged to pieces by the people of Alexandria, at the great solemnity of Serapis their idol, ending his life under their merciless hands. (Foxe's Book of Martyrs)

What sacrifice have you made?

Our Family News

Pray for / Cody Hatley, Rice, Nadine Walters, Phyllis, George and Joy, Melissa, Steve St. Clair, Josiah, Helen Spicer, and Peggy. Pray for each other daily.

Traveling/Working / Joe Murdock and family

Radio Programs / Listen to "Searching the Scriptures", our weekly radio program on KMBQ 99.7 Sunday mornings beginning at 9:00 AM.

Today's Scripture / Jesus answered and said unto them, Ye do err, not knowing the scriptures, nor the power of God.

Matthew 22:29 (KJV)

Wisdom for Today / Redeem Israel, O God, out of all his troubles.

Psalms 25:22 (KJV)

AM Sermon / Tom Betti

PM Sermon / Charles Nordstrom

Attendance last Sunday: 43 | For more information check our website at www.churchofchristwasilla.com

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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, Matt 10:32–33

Be Baptized Mark 16:16, Acts 22:16

Remain Faithful Matt 24:13, Rev 2:10, James 1:12, 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**

Office Hours

Call or Ck Web

Come join us!

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Visitors always welcome; Members expected

“I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord.” Psalm 122:1

Religious but Lost

By Bill Beebe

Have you ever known a person who claims that he or she believes in God, that they are saved and assured of a place in Heaven, but the next several words out of their mouth are curse words? Or have you known someone who talks about the “last days” without ceasing, but whose Biblical knowledge of the last day and judgment is lacking to say the least? Or what about that friend of yours who constantly tries to get you to go to a healing session where she claims your physical illness can be healed, but her knowledge of how people were healed by Jesus, and others in the first century was limited?

It is really sad to see people who are so dedicated to their church, or even worse a preacher, that they refuse to even discuss with anyone what the Bible really says on one of these topics. Usually, when you try to talk with them their response is something like; “I don’t care, this is what my preacher says”, or “well, my church teaches this....”. And they are so resistant to the truth that you cannot get anywhere in a study with them. I was discussing baptism with my boss one time a few years ago. I brought up [1 Peter 3:21](#) and his response surprised me so much that I had no idea how to respond. His statement was that “I wouldn’t believe that if Jesus Himself told me.” And he considered himself to be a born again Christian and saved! When we run across people like this in our evangelism efforts there is little we can do but keep praying for them and trying to get a study where they open ONLY the Bible and leave their creed books closed.

We aren’t the first ones to have to deal with those who are religiously lost. This type of situation goes back at least to Elijah. Elijah was a prophet of God when worship of Baal had taken over Israel. We can read about one of his confrontations with those false prophets in [1 Kings 18:17–40](#). At the beginning of this incident Elijah is dealing with Baal worship within Israel: [1 Kings 18:21 \(KJV\)](#) “And Elijah came unto all the people, and said, How long halt ye between two opinions? if the LORD be God, follow him: but if Baal, then follow him. And the people answered him not a word.” There were religious people in Israel at the time, but they were not worshiping the Lord. The prophets of Baal were very religious as we can see from their actions in trying to meet the challenge of Elijah. They were religious but lost and Elijah killed 450 them that day ([1 Kings 18:40](#)).

Later in history, Jesus and the Apostles faced those who were religious but lost. In [Mark 2:23–24 \(KJV\)](#) we read, “And it came to pass, that he went through the corn fields on the sabbath day; and his disciples began, as they went, to pluck the ears of corn. And the Pharisees said unto him, Behold, why do they on the sabbath day that which is not lawful?” These Pharisees were supposed to be the religious elite in Jerusalem and throughout Israel when Jesus was preaching. Here they condemned the disciples of Jesus for picking “corn” on the Sabbath Day. They presented the image of highly religious and devout men. But they couldn’t see their own faults. Jesus pointed this out to the children of Israel when he taught near the end of His sermon on the mount, “And why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother’s eye, but considerest not the beam that is in thine own eye?” [Matthew 7:3 \(KJV\)](#). And in a clear criticism of the ruling class he called them hypocrites and painted tombs full of dead means bones; “Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye are like unto whited sepulchres, which indeed appear beautiful outward, but are within full of dead men’s bones, and of all uncleanness.” [Matthew 23:27 \(KJV\)](#) Then Peter and John dealt with religious but lost people who were leading Israel at the time. In Acts 4, Luke records one such incident. Peter and John are arrested and were instructed to stop preaching Jesus Christ. It is here where they made one of the most profound statements in the Bible preserved for us by Luke in [Acts 4:19–20 \(KJV\)](#) “But Peter and John answered and said unto them, Whether it be right in the sight of God to hearken unto you more than unto God, judge ye. For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard.” The men in the Sanhedrin were religious but most were lost because they insisted on remaining Jews rather than becoming Christians.

When we run across religious but lost people, we have the obligation to try to teach them. This is what our first century brothers and sisters did, [Acts 18:24–26](#). It is not for us to insure the harvest only to plant and water ([1 Corinthians 3:6](#)). And it makes no difference if the person is religious or not.