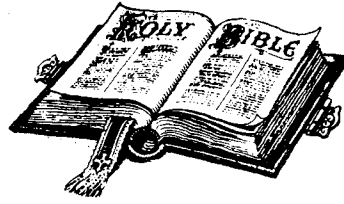


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"All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness." 2 Timothy 3:16

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FEW WILL BE SAVED IN HEAVEN

It is a tragic fact that most people are going to be lost forever. Only a few will be saved, according to Jesus. He said, **"Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way that leadeth to destruction, and MANY there be which go in thereat; because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and FEW there be that find it."** (Matt. 7:13-14). Jesus knew that **false teachers** would arise to keep people out of the narrow way, so he warns, **"Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves."** (Matt. 7:15).

God and Christ want **ALL** men to be saved, and **NONE** to perish. (2 Pet. 3:9; 1 Tim. 2:4). Jesus invites **ALL**. (Matt. 11:28-30; Rev. 22:17). But Jesus will not **force** anyone to come to him — it must be done willingly. **ALL CAN** find the one, narrow way to heaven if they really want to. (John 7:17; Matt. 7:7-8; Acts 17:11). But few people will probably even look up these Bible references in this article. Most people are not interested enough in being saved to diligently search their Bibles to find the truth that is able to make them free. (John 8:32).

There are many reasons why only a few will be saved in heaven, such as: **FALSE TEACHERS**, ministers of Satan, disguised to look like God's ministers (2 Cor. 11:13-15); **FALSE DOC-**

TRINE OF MEN (Gal. 1:6-9; 2 John 9-11). Also, many people are as Jesus said: **HYPOCRITES**, who draw nigh to the Lord with their mouths, and honor Him with their lips, but their hearts are far from Him, because they are following the doctrines and commandments of men (Matt. 15:8-9). This makes their worship **VAIN**.

Few people have enough interest to diligently investigate their church and doctrines, to see whether those things are in the Bible. Most people are complacent, satisfied to blindly follow their preacher's promises in the different denominations of men, such as Baptist, Methodist, Presbyterian, Catholic, Mormon, etc. It matters little to many that they cannot read about their church in the Bible. They have been told that it doesn't make any difference what one believes, whether he is a member of the church or not, which church he belongs to, etc. When one warns them of their danger, many count such an one as an enemy. (Gal. 4:16). It is very difficult to get anyone to let me go into their home and show them vital Scriptures they need to read in order to be saved. They do not want to be disturbed in any way. It is sad that people are not very interested in going to heaven.

Dear reader, if you really want to be among the few that will be saved in heaven, diligently search your Bible, (Acts 17:11), to find the one right way of

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Editorial

SMOKELESS TOBACCO

There are some Christians who believe that it is wrong to **smoke** tobacco because there is evidence that it may cause cancer and harm the body in other ways but they may chew or dip smokeless tobacco. Some of those who chew tobacco and/or dip snuff try to justify their **filthy** habit by saying that there is no evidence that chewing and/or dipping smokeless tobacco cause cancer or harms the body in other ways. Even if their claim is true, there are a number of other reasons why Christians should **not** chew tobacco or dip snuff. We will not, at this time, discuss those other reasons. However, the evidence from the medical community is mounting that chewing and/or dipping "smokeless tobacco" is very harmful to the "chewers" and "dippers."

Please consider the following information.

1. The following article appeared in THE HUNTSVILLE TIMES in October, 1982:

"ORAL CANCER ON THE RISE

ATLANTA (UPI) — The incidence of oral cancers and precancerous lesions in young people who dip snuff and chew tobacco is increasing at an alarming rate, two oral surgeons said Friday.

'Smokeless' — either chewing tobacco or dipping snuff — has become a campus rage; said Drs. Irving Meyer and Kent Cohenous, members of the American

Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons holding a scientific session in Atlanta.

Chewing tobacco and dipping snuff can lead to oral leukoplakia, a pre-cancerous condition of the mouth. It has a malignant transformation rate of between three and five percent, they said. Each year, 27,000 persons are diagnosed as having oral cancer, which causes 9,000 deaths annually. Both Meyer, of Springfield, Mass., a professor of oral pathology at Tufts University, and Cohenour of Oklahoma City, have noted increases in the incidence of oral malignancies or precancerous conditions in their practices."

2. According to an article that appeared in THE HUNTSVILLE TIMES, July 27, 1985, "The big guns of the medical world have thrown their support behind legislation to require warning labels on smokeless tobacco and to ban broadcast advertising of the products, saying scientific evidence shows snuff and chewing tobacco are dangerous to health.

The American Dental Association, the American Cancer Society, the American Lung Association and the American Heart association endorsed the bill Friday in testimony before the House Energy and Commerce Health sub-committee.

There is more than sufficient evidence at this time to support the actions being proposed," said Dr. LaSalle D. Leffall Jr., delivering a joint statement for the cancer, lung and heart associations.

'Not only are our scientific positions amply supported by the empirical data, they are supported by virtually every credible scientific organization which has studied this issue,' he said.

'The correlation between oral cancer and long-term smokeless tobacco use is too strong to be ignored,' added Dr. Eugene Seklecki of Tucson, Ariz., testi-

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fyng for the dental association."

Representative Mike Synar, D-Okla., sponsor of the warning label bill, said: "... There is no controversy. This stuff will kill you."

3. In NEIGHBORS, a publication of the Alabama Farm Bureau, July, 1986, an article entitled "KIDS BITING OFF MORE THAN THEY CAN CHEW", appeared, in which the editor stated that "Smokeless tobacco use is increasing among young people, most of whom don't know what they're getting into. . . . The majority of young people don't appreciate the dangers of this product; a new Texas survey shows that only 40 percent perceive smokeless tobacco as 'very harmful.'" He also stated that "The American Academy of Pediatrics has just joined the long list of health organizations pushing for a change in the public image of smokeless tobacco. The AAP wants strong health warnings placed on smokeless tobacco packages, a ban on free distribution of samples (esp. to children and esp. at sports events), and restrictions on advertising. . . ."

4. An editorial in THE HUNTSVILLE TIMES, the last part of last year, stated that "All those users of 'smokeless tobacco' — snuff dippers, as they once were more bluntly called — who have been telling themselves that this trendy use of the weed was free of health risks are sadly mistaken, according to a recent study sponsored by the National Cancer Institute in Bethesda, Md. In fact, there are indications that snuff is actually more dangerous than smoking in causing oral cancer.

. . . A report published in the October issue of the American Cancer Society's journal states that just a pinch of snuff placed between the gum and the lip more than doubles the risk of oral cancer over that chance in cigarette smokers.

. . . Snuff and chewing tobacco unfortunately are rapidly growing

in popularity among young people — even some small children The sad thing is that this long-term use of tobacco in the mouth may create health problems in later life."

5. Dr. J. L. Hughes, a local dentist, wrote an open letter to THE SAND MOUNTAIN REPORTER, February 21, 1985, in which he warned against the use of tobacco and particularly smokeless tobacco. He stated that he "had eight patients with mouth cancers in a nine month period. He also stated that "Allowing tobacco in any form to lie in one side of the mouth for a period of time will burn the tissue and over a period of time will burn some form of cancerous condition, in most instances."

Surely, all of us should be concerned about our health. We should not defile, harm or destroy our bodies. The apostle Paul said: "What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's." (1 Cor. 6:19-20). "... Dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and of the spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God." (2 Cor. 7:1b). "Abstain from every form of evil." (1 Thess. 5:22 ASV).

Just because there is no smoke does not necessarily prove there is no fire.

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the Lord, and reject completely all doctrines, churches and ways of men in religion. Follow Jesus by following the Bible — this is the only way to heaven. REMEMBER: FEW WILL BE SAVED IN HEAVEN, as compared to the many that will be forever lost in hell.

— Earl Fly in
GOSPEL TOWER,
12/11/77

BOYS AND GIRLS, IT TAKES COURAGE

1. **It takes courage** to say "NO" squarely to evil when all those around you are saying "yes."

2. **It takes courage** to speak the truth when, by a little "twisting", you can gain some advantage or escape punishment.

3. **It takes courage** to refuse to do a thing which you think is wrong, when it is customary and is done by most others.

4. **It takes courage** to face slander and lies, and to carry yourself with cheerfulness, grace and dignity for a long time before the lies can be proven and corrected.

5. **It takes courage** to laugh at a joke when it is on you.

6. **It takes courage** to give the accused person the benefit of the doubt

when most others condemn him or her.

7. **It takes courage** to admit that you are wrong even when you are.

8. **It takes courage** to be a true friend to a person who most everyone else rejects.

9. **It takes courage** to obey your parents when other boys and girls are trying to get you to "pull one over on them."

10. **It takes courage** to stand for what you know to be right at all times.

11. **It takes courage** to choose to work when you had rather be playing.

12. **It takes courage** to accept responsibility for your actions.

Boys and girls, **it takes courage** to do these things, but if you use this courage you will grow up to be **courageous men and women.**

— SENTENCE SERMONS —

It is easy to see the faults of children — IF they belong to someone else.

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Before you try your hand at something, make sure you try your brain.

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Great trials are often necessary to prepare us for great responsibilities.

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If you help someone up the hill, you will find yourself closer to the top.

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Contentment comes not so much from great wealth as from few wants.

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