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UPCOMING SERMONS

SUNDAY AM

Mar. 4 Of whose line are you a part?
Mar. 11 When all services become important
Mar. 18 Whose mind is in you?
Mar. 25 Tyler Atkins to speak

SUNDAY PM

Mar. 4 Is Heaven worth the cost? (#358)
Mar. 11 Who is on the Lord's side? (#359)
Mar. 18 Denominations (#360)
Mar. 25 The cost of our salvation (#361)

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Sundays: 11 a.m., 3:30 p.m., 6 p.m.

Services:

Sunday

Bible Classes: 10 a.m.

Worship Assembly: 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.

Wednesday

Bible Classes: 7 p.m.

March 4, 2012

To our visitors, we want you to know that we are honored by your being with us today. We welcome any questions you may have. All materials that you see are free of charge and if there is any other information you would like, we will be happy to provide it.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Nancy Pardon, Pete Darling, Rusty Darling, Raymond Heinz, Teresa Heinz, James Bush, Carolyn Jensen, Margaret Coats, Doug McArthur, Jean Reeder, Cheryl Akers, Kathy Briggs, Betty Jo's aunt, Erin's father, Robert Vanalstine, Jo Matheny, Jimmy Mortimore, John Mortimore, Jim Loper

READING OF SCRIPTURE:

AM: Gal. 3:26-29

PM: Rev. 21:1-4

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

March 11 – Daylight savings time begins

March 18 – Potluck and military package

March 25 – Business meeting

March 25 – Tyler Atkins to speak

WHY TURN BACK TO THE WORLD?

Charles Coats

One of the saddest things that will happen is when a Christian decides to turn back to the world and leave God. They make a decision that condemns their souls and one that offers them nothing. While they may measure their success in the same way the world does or their happiness by the things they possess or positions they attain, in reality they have a life of problems which will end in total ruin.

Why turn back to the world? What does the world have to offer? What can be gained by becoming like the world?

While turning back to the world is self-serving in the sense of bringing in worldly pleasures and no real

responsibility to anyone, what does the world offer when you take the cover off and look deep inside? Is it really great pleasure or great misery?

The world is its on best witness to answer this question. Look around and see what the world gives us. We see war, unrest, hatred, anger, murder, rape, abuse, immorality, and so forth. Every day we hear of gangs, shootings, drugs, and theft. People are concerned about having their identity stolen and about the greed and corruption we see in corporations and governmental bodies. Every problem a worldly person has is a major problem, and the world seems to thrive on having problems. Depression is high, suicide increases, and people will do anything to make their lives better, regardless of what they have to do to others.

Why turn to the world? What does the world have to offer? What can be gained by becoming like the world? The answer to these questions is simple. If you want a life of misery with no hope for the future, then turn to the world. The world offers you a life driven by selfishness, hatred, and greed. Is this the life we really want? What do we gain by being worldly? Nothing, for when we die we will not take any of these things with us, nor will anyone really care. As Solomon put it, *“For there is no remembrance of the wise more than of the fool for ever; seeing that which now is in the days to come shall all be forgotten. And how dieth the wise man? As the fool”* (Ecc. 2:16).

As I said at the beginning of this article, one of the saddest days will be when a Christian chooses to turn back to the world and will lose their soul. Thinking they have gained all, they lose everything. *“For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? Or what shall a man give in exchange for this soul?”* (Matt. 16:26).