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UPCOMING SERMONS

SUNDAY AM

May 13 What does it mean to offend? (2)
May 20 Who do we think we are?
May 27 Lessons from the Ethiopian Eunuch

SUNDAY PM

May 13 Hierarchy and the Bible (#367)
May 20 What determines right and wrong? (#368)
May 27 If there were no Bible (#369)

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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.

May 13, 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, Jewel Warfield, Bill Arnold

READING OF SCRIPTURE:

AM: Rom. 14:13-15

PM: Matt. 23:12

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

May 19 – Seminar on modesty and dress at M21 in Corunna. Charles to speak. Starts at 3 p.m.

May 20 – Potluck and soldiers' packages (5 soldiers)

May 27 – Singing at 5 p.m.; Business meeting

June 29 – Seminar with Rusty Stark

THE DANGER OF MISAPPLICATION

Charles Coats

To illustrate a point, let me “prove” to you that one can be saved by various things alone.

1. One can be saved by faith alone, because Acts 16:30 only mentions faith as a condition of salvation.
2. One can be saved by repentance alone, because Lk. 13:3,5 only mention repentance as a condition of salvation.
3. One can be saved by confession alone, because Matt. 10:32 only mentions confession as a condition of salvation.
4. One can be saved by baptism alone, because 1

Pet. 3:21 only mentions baptism as a condition of salvation.

Obviously, it would be impossible to be saved by any one of these alone since all are mentioned as conditions of salvation. If at least four are mentioned, no one of them can be the sole condition of salvation. It would be a dangerous misapplication of scripture to teach that any one of these by itself will save us. For in doing so, we would be excluding everything else that God placed as a condition of salvation.

For us to not teach the whole counsel of God, that is, all that God has taught on the subject, is to do a great disservice to God's word and towards our fellow man. To be saved, we need to know everything God has taught us concerning salvation. Like a recipe, all of God's conditions must be met to have the blessing that is promised.

If you and I want to be saved, then we must correctly apply the scriptures. We can misuse and abuse the scriptures, but we will do so to our own destruction (2 Pet. 3:16). Therefore, we must make certain that we are following all God has commanded us (Matt. 7:21; Acts 10:33).

The danger of misapplication of scripture is that we will not only be lost ourselves, but we will cause others to believe a lie and be lost eternally (2 Thess. 2:11,12). Proper use of scripture will give others the opportunity to be saved because they now have the whole will of God. Being entrusted with the gospel, Paul spoke that which he had been given (1 Thess 2:4).

As we listen to others proclaim their message, we must be those who search the scriptures and make certain that the proclaimer is not misapplying scripture. The danger of misapplication of scripture is lost souls!