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UPCOMING SERMONS

SUNDAY AM

Nov. 4	Priority 1???
Nov. 11	If Jesus came to your house
Nov. 18	Light and salt of the world
Nov. 25	Guest speaker
Dec. 2	Guest speaker

SUNDAY PM

Nov. 4	Division or unity (#390)
Nov. 11	Faith, grace, and works (#391)
Nov. 18	The good treasure (#392)
Nov. 25	Guest speaker
Dec. 2	Guest speaker

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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.

November 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, Phyllis Darling, Raymond Heinz, Teresa Heinz, James Bush, Carolyn Jensen, Margaret Coats, Doug McArthur, Jean Reeder, Cheryll Akers, Kathy Briggs, Robert Van Alstine, Jo Matheny, Jim Loper, Jewel Warfield, Ed Warfield, Bill Arnold, Marilyn Smith, Bill Richard's father, Charles' mother, Carol Wilson, Lillian's brother

READING OF SCRIPTURE:

AM: Matt. 6:33,34 **PM:** Jn. 17:20,21

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

Nov. 18 – Potluck, Business meeting, Military packages
Nov. 25 – Singing at 5 p.m..

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THOSE WHO HAVE FOOLED THEMSELVES

Charles Coats

The greatest deception of all is not some elaborate plot to fool an enemy or to deceive someone into giving up their money. The greatest deception of all is much simpler than that. It requires no great planning and does not require the deceived person to give up fame, wealth, or position. The greatest deception of all is accomplished every day on millions of people. The greatest deception of all is not illegal, but is very dangerous.

The greatest deception of all is self-deception. While a deception plot may fool several, self-deception fools more people than we could count. It is so easy to do that it takes little if any effort. And, while those who have deceived themselves think they are in good shape, the truth is they are in the most serious condition anyone

could ever find themselves. They are lost eternally, because they believe themselves to be right and will not be convinced otherwise. They walk a road they believe leads to life everlasting, but the end of which is eternal damnation (Matt. 7:22,23).

Self-deception is nothing new, and could easily be avoided if we would learn the lessons of the past. The children of Israel deceived themselves and were punished by God. Here is how Jeremiah worded it – “...no man repented him of his wickedness, saying, What have I done?” Malachi records several instances in which Israel believed itself to be right, yet they were wrong. Malachi even shows how they questioned that they had done anything wrong.

The Bible constantly warns us to not be deceived (1 Cor. 15:33; Gal. 6:7, for instance). Still, so many are deceived by others and continue to deceive themselves. What a shame that we have not learned!

Think about ways people have deceived themselves.

1. Those in the denominations who believe they are right with God. What an eye opening experience it will be for them at Judgment when they learn they are lost (Matt. 7:21).
2. Those who claim no real religion but say they trust in Jesus believing that God will only punish the atheist or pagan. Sadly, they will learn that not obeying God will cost you your soul (2 Thess. 1:7,8).
3. Those in the church who keep the easier commands of God, but do not teach the lost or correct the erring, yet believe they are alright because they are not as bad as some people.

“O what a tangled web we weave, when first we practice to deceive” (Sir Walter Scott)