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UPCOMING SERMONS

SUNDAY AM

Jan. 13	Works
Jan. 20	Perfection
Jan. 27	Sin
Feb. 3	The price being paid to save souls
Feb. 10	We win!

SUNDAY PM

Jan. 13	Whatever you do (#400)
Jan. 20	Instrumental music? (#401)
Jan. 27	The Lord's Supper (#402)

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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.

January 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, Phyllis Darling, Raymond Heinz, Teresa Heinz, James Bush, Carolyn Jensen, Margaret Coats, Doug McArthur, Cheryl Akers, Kathy Briggs, Robert Van Alstine, Jo Matheny, Jim Loper, Jewel Warfield, Ed Warfield, Bill Arnold, Marilyn Smith, Carol Wilson, Lillian's brother, Tom's mother

READING OF SCRIPTURE:

AM: Eph. 2:8-10 **PM:** Col. 3:16,17

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

Jan. 20 – Potluck, Business meeting
Jan. 27 – Singing at 5 p.m.

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A ZEAL OF GOD

Charles Coats

What he lacks in ability, he makes up for in zeal! This statement helps us to understand that a person may lack some things in life, but they may also possess a great deal of zeal in what they do.

Webster's defines zeal as "enthusiastic, diligent devotion in pursuit of a cause, ideal, or goal; fervor". In Rom. 10:2, the word translated zeal means "heat, ardor". In our thinking, we would see a person totally devoted to a cause. We would probably say they have a passion for it.

In Rom. 10:2, Paul is talking about the Jews of the 1st Century and describes them as having zeal without

knowledge. They were enthusiastic about their Judaism. They were fervent about it. They were devoted to their cause. Yet, Paul says it was a misdirected zeal. They were pursuing that which was invalid, an end that would cause them to be lost.

In our world, we find many who possess this same kind of zeal. They are highly devoted to what they believe. They hold strongly to it. Their zeal would be shown in the way they live. Good, honest, kind, and faithful might be words used to describe these people. They believe themselves to be right with God and work off that belief.

When it comes to their worship, they attend the services of their group and wholeheartedly believe this is the way to worship God. When confronted about changing their beliefs, they adamantly refuse to do so. They are what they are and they will die that way.

While we appreciate those who are zealous about their beliefs, we want these people to have a zeal that is based on knowledge. One can just as adamantly support error as they can adamantly support truth!

Misplaced zeal leads to false security. They believe themselves to be right and often refuse to study or listen to anything which may challenge their beliefs. This is a bad thing because they are not willing to put everything to the test and hold fast to only those things which are correct (1 Thess. 5:21).

Zeal is good if it is based on the knowledge of God's word. That is why we are to study God's word (2 Tim. 2:15) and obey his word because it teaches us what to do to be saved (Rom. 1:16) and teaches us about the cause of Christ, that which will change the world. When we have this kind of knowledge, then we can fulfill Tit. 2:14: "*who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works*". This is the correct zeal of God.