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Sunday

Bible Class: 9:30 A.M.
Worship: 10:30 A.M. & 5 P.M.
Sonshiners: 4:45pm

Wednesday

Bible Study: 7 P.M.

Preacher:

Russ Earl

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Chuck Northrop

PM Sermon

Ezekiel

Sunday AM Bible Class:

Chuck Northrop

Wednesday Bible Class:

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The Gospel of Christ TV Program

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The Oologah Informer

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Thoughts from the Preacher

“It’s up to you”

Sometimes in life man will fall into the trap of believing he has no choices in the life he lives. Man may believe, because of the pressures surrounding him that he has no choices left. This, however, is not correct. Man can also choose right over wrong, Godliness over evil and love over hate. Let us be wise enough to know our choices and to choose wisely.

Please! ... Don’t Let Me Die Of Covid!

By Jack Williams

If you know me you may be thinking, “I didn’t know you were so afraid of Covid.” Well, like any disease or danger, I would just as well avoid it. But I am not overly concerned about getting Covid or any other disease. Like any danger I strive to do what I can to avoid it affecting my physical life, but I realize that dangers lurk all around and one day – whether it be by disease, accident or natural causes – my life will end. After all, God tells us that we should live knowing our physical life is but for a while (James 4:14). “What are you talking about then in the title of this article?” you may ask. Well, physical death is not the most vital concern of a child of God, it is what comes after our physical life that should matter most. As Jesus asks us, “... *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 his soul?*” (Matthew 16:26). You see, after death comes the judgment (Hebrews 9:27). The greatest concern that I have regarding Covid (or any other such danger) is not that I or others will lose our physical life to it, but that we will lose our spiritual life because of my reaction to it! Just look around at how society has reacted to this current threat, and see how these losses can creep into our lives if we are not wary. Have you seen...

- **The death of seeking God first?** The Lord’s words in Matthew 6:33 make this choice clear, but with such things as Covid the devil can easily feed on our fears and convince us that seeking God first is something I can do “later” ... after the worldly situation changes. But God warns us of the danger of letting fear control our life (Revelation 21:8). There is no time delay allowed for putting God first (Matthew 8:21-22), but sadly this has become a Covid death in some lives.

- **The death of realizing the greatest threat is the devil and his devices?** It is sad to see many who are more knowledgeable about arming themselves to fight Covid and knowing more about its dangers than they do about putting on the armor of God so we can stand against the wiles of the devil (Ephesians 6:10-17). Others arm themselves to fight against what they see as disinformation about Covid and never utter a word of warning against the disinformation spread through society about the danger of sin. In many cases such is evident when you look at social

media and see the focus of what is posted ... am I known for my fight against Covid or my fight against sin?

- **The death of love and concern for one another?** Love (and all it involves – 1 Corinthians 13:1-8) is said by Jesus to be a defining characteristic of those who follow Him (John 13:35). But for the sake of avoiding disease how many acts of Christian love have been cast aside? How many have forsaken the loving desire to be with fellow Christians (Hebrews 3:13; 10:23-25; Romans 12:10)?

The loss of life from Covid or any other cause is tragic, but death is a certainty that each of us will face. *But the loss of our spiritual life because of this or any other threat is only certain if we let it be.* Instead, let's choose God and live for eternity with Him! *Please don't die (spiritually) from Covid!*