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Service Times

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

AM Sermon:

Why I Believe...

Part 8 – Hell is real.

(2 Thess 1:7-9)

PM Sermon

How to be accepted by God

Sunday AM Bible Class:

Paul Praschnik

Wednesday Bible Class:

Things a Christian Should and Should
Not Do – R.Earl

In SEARCH of the Lord's Way

On Channel 6-2 Sundays @ 7:30 am

The Gospel of Christ TV Program

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the Bible in classes & sermons.

The Oologah Informer

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Thoughts from the Preacher

“Not to be forced”

No matter how badly we want someone to obey the gospel
they cannot be force.

Neither should they have to be forced.

What God has to offer man should cause Him to
obey with joy and to do so eagerly.

The Words of a Demon?

By Tom Wacaster

In John's Gospel we have the inspired account of the disbelieving Jews who accused Jesus of being demon possessed. Blinded by jealous rage, they attributed the words and deeds of our precious Lord to the devil himself: “And many of them said, He hath a demon, and is mad; why hear ye him?” (John 10:20). The fact that some of the Jews would attribute the power of Jesus to a demon is, without doubt, one of the most astounding manifestations of a hardened heart. Their purpose, of course, was to destroy any influence Jesus might have over the multitude. Such a tactic remains an effective tool in the hands of Satan even to this day. A simple examination of the Gospels will enable the good and honest heart to see the sheer nonsense of attributing the words and works of Jesus to some sinister or evil cause. What it boils down to is this: Either Jesus was a megalomaniac, or He truly is the Son of God. It seems to me that those are the only two choices. There is no alternative, so far as I can see. If a man were to speak about himself the way that Jesus does in the Gospels, he would be branded as deluded or deranged. Unless, of course, he was divine. If Jesus was deluded or deranged, He is not worthy of any degree of respect or honor. But if He is divine, then He is worthy of all the praise and honor we could muster with every ounce of our being. Let's briefly consider the possibilities.

First, the words of Jesus simply do not qualify as those of a lunatic. The teaching of Jesus demonstrates the thoughts of a person who is not only sound in his thinking, but far and above the thinking of mortal man. Take as an example the Sermon on the Mount. R.L. Whiteside had this note:

It seems certain that no other speech ever delivered has so influenced man as has this sermon on the mount. Its contents, so superior to any production of man, proved the Deity of its author. Its teaching is out of harmony with any school of religion or philosophy of that day; hence, their brightest lights could not have produced it. It is not eclectic, that is, its contents are not a collection of the best thoughts of that and previous ages. Its teaching is distinct, revolutionary, challenging every

school of religious thought of the times, both Jewish and heathen. It is not a product of the times, but of Deity.” (R. L. Whiteside, Bible Studies, Vol. 4, 117).

John T. Fisher is credited having written the following tribute to Jesus’ words on that occasion:

If you were to take the sum total of all the authoritative articles ever written by the most qualified of psychologists and psychiatrists on the subject of mental hygiene - if you were to take the whole of the meat and none of the parsley, and if you were to have these unadulterated bits of pure scientific knowledge concisely expressed by the most capable of living poets, you would have an awkward and incomplete summation of the Sermon on the Mount. And it would suffer immeasurably by comparison.

The teachings of Jesus clearly declare our Lord’s divine wisdom and omniscience.

Part 2 next week