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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:

The Christian Response in Uncertain times
(Ps 37:25-28a)

PM Sermon

Illogical Responses (John 9)

Sunday AM Bible Class:

Philippians - R. Earl

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
on Saturday @ 7:30am on Channel 53
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The Oologah Informer

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Thoughts from the Preacher

“Certain things in Uncertain Times”

There are some things in life that never change.
Times of illness, times of financial strain it doesn't matter
some things never change.
For the Christian God's faithfulness is something
that can always be counted on.
(Lamentations 3:19-25)

PERVERTED MESSAGES

Jerry Joseph

It is possible for one to declare a “perverted” (1 John 4:1; Matthew 7:15-23; Gal. 1:6-9; 2 Pet. 3:16-17) message because it is not based on the Word of God (Col. 3:17; 2 Tim. 3:16-4:4; 1 Peter 4:11). What are some “perverted” messages?

There is a perverted Message concerning the Work of the Holy Spirit that some teach. It is said that the Holy Spirit operates directly upon the heart of the sinner, separate and apart from the Word of God in convicting man of sin. Where does the Bible teach that? Is there Bible authority for such? If so, where?

When one examines closely the events of Acts 2, it is evident that the people on the day of Pentecost were convinced, convicted of sin not by what the Holy Spirit did to them directly but it was by the Word that was proclaimed by the Apostles as they were inspired by the Holy Spirit. “Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do?” (Acts 2:37). Notice please it was not, “Now when they “felt” this but when they “heard” this, that is, the inspired message being proclaimed by the apostles, that the people were convicted of sins.

Did the Holy Spirit have a part in this? Yes, surely He did. It was through the Word proclaimed that He brought about changed hearts.

Some also proclaim a distorted message concerning the Way of Unity (John 17:20-21; 1 Corinthians 1:10). What some refer to as “unity” is in reality only “union”. It is nothing but an ecumenical message.

It is the thinking of many that person A can choose to believe, teach & practice certain things; person B, C, D and so forth, can choose to believe, teach and practice certain things that are

contradictory to each other and yet they all can be “united”. According to this ‘reasoning’, it matters not what a person believes, teaches & practices. If that is the case, then why did John write, “Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the

world” (1 John 4:1).

If this so called “Way of Unity” is true then there can be no false teachers or false doctrine. What did Jesus say about this in Matthew 7:15? “Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves”. Does that sound like that there are no false messengers or messages? Of course not! Notice the words of John in 2 John 9-11 “Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son. If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into your house, neither bid him God speed: For he that biddeth him God speed is partaker of his evil deeds”.

It does matter what we believe, teach and practice (Ephesians 4:4-6; 2 John 9-11). Everything must be based upon the authority of the Scripture (Colossians 3:17). If I do that and you do that, then Biblical “Unity” will exist and that is what God desires.