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SUNDAY

Bible Study.....9:30 a.m.
Worship.....10:20 a.m.
Worship.....5:00 p.m.

TUESDAY

Ladies Bible Class (Sept. - May) 10:00 a.m.

WEDNESDAY

Bible Study.....7:00 p.m.

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ON THE HOME FRONT

Gary Colley

It has been our privilege of late to hear many great comments which are still being made about the 41st ANNUAL SPIRITUAL SWORD LECTURESHIP! The commendations for our speakers and the theme "ETERNAL SECURITY" are greatly appreciated! Many have desired the lectureship book. There are some still available, and if you desire a copy please call our office at Getwell. We have already begun our plans for 2017 for the 42nd lectureship. The theme will be "PRESSING TOWARD THE MARK," taken from the thoughts of Paul in Philippians 3:13-14. We are hopeful that many are marking their calendars for October 15-18, 2017, to be with us for this exciting time at Getwell.

On another side of things happening around us is the state of Tennessee approval last year of the sale of wine in the grocery and even big box stores in Tennessee! It is not unusual now to see many are the shopping carts that are loaded up with bottles of wine! The Kroger Company had on their sale paper recently in large letters "TIME FOR WINE!" But, IT IS NOT TIME FOR WINE!! May we point out that this is not a good trend, nor practice! Intoxicating drink is for the worldly and not for those who uphold morality taught in the Bible (I Jn. 2:15-17). The wise man Solomon warned: "Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging: and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise (Prov. 20:1). Again, the prophet Habakkuk wrote: "Yea also, because he transgresseth by wine, he is a proud man, neither keepeth at home, who enlargeth his desire as hell, and is as death, and cannot be satisfied, but gathereth unto him all nations, and heapeth unto him all people" (Hab. 2:5). Paul warned the brethren at Corinth that the drunkard cannot inherit Heaven (I Cor. 6:9-11). Every category of sins mentioned in the Word of God condemns drunkenness! Please do not be fooled by the advertising schemes that draw unsuspecting souls into sin!

Where in the Bible Will I Find . . .

Gary Colley

Presently Practiced Catholic Teachings?

The word “religion” means a system of faith and practice. Different kinds of religion are found in the Bible (Jews, pure, vain, etc.). But different religions are not made by the New Testament. It contains one system of faith and practice, and that is by Christ’s authority (Eph. 4:1-6; Matt. 28:18-20). The creed of the churches of Christ is not humanly written but simply consists of the fact that we believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God (Col. 3:16-17). It is only when some add their humanly written creeds, councils, and synods to the Bible that different religions are established. The doctrines and practices of men are diligently protected by the perpetrators, and advantage is taken on the unsuspecting. For instance, it cannot be found in the Bible that a “Pope is the head of the church” (Eph. 1:22-23); that there is such a thing as “papal infallibility” (Jn. 16:13); that there is a “clerical priesthood” (I Pet. 2:9); that any man is to be called “Father,” “Reverend,” or “The Very Right Reverend” in a religious sense (Matt. 23:5-12). There is not to be found in the Bible any reference to a “celibate rule” (I Cor. 9:5; Heb. 13:4). Neither is there any “monasticism,” “inherited sin,” “infant baptism,” sprinkling for baptism, nor “baptism of desire,” with salve blessed by the Pope. There is no teaching in the Bible that “Mary is the mother of God,” “immaculate conception,”

“bodily assumption,” or “perpetual virginity” (Matt. 13:53-57; 12:46-50; I Cor. 9:5). The Scriptures never teach anyone to “pray to Mary” or count the beads of a “rosary.” The teachings of “purgatory” are opposed to clear Bible teaching (Lk. 16). Never is there taught in the Scriptures “indulgences” for sin nor “prayers for the dead.” There are only living saints referred to in the Bible, never those who are “canonized” after death. We are not taught in the Bible the “veneration of saints.” There is no “mass” referred to in the Scriptures, Latin or otherwise! There is no such teaching as the doctrine of “Transubstantiation” where it is believed that the bread and fruit of the vine are changed by the prayer of a priest into the literal body and blood of the Lord (I Cor. 11:23-29). Forbidding of meats is not commanded to early Christians but is an identification of some who would later fall away in apostasy (I Tim. 4:1-4). No one can find the early church of the New Testament having “holy water,” burning incense, having “lent,” or using what are called “sacraments” in their worship unto God (Jn. 4:24). The early church did not enter into the practices of preserving relics or putting up statues. All of the afore mentioned doctrines are now being practiced in our world, but they are not the religion of Christ, since they cannot be found taught or commanded in the Bible.

RON'S REMINDERS



5 Things the Gospel Cannot Do

The gospel is the power of God unto salvation. Man's true hope of going to heaven through Jesus is revealed in the gospel. Yet there are some things the gospel cannot do.

The gospel cannot save a person who is determined to live in rebellion against God.

The gospel has the power to make believers and save obedient believers (Romans 1:16-17), but it cannot save those who will not repent of their past sins and submit to God's word.

The gospel cannot help a troubled marriage as long as both spouses refuse to hear and heed what the gospel says.

The New Testament has specific, helpful instructions for every wife and every husband (Ephesians 5:22-33). When such teaching is carried out properly, marriages will not only survive, they will also bloom. But as long as neither spouse is willing to do things God's way, the gospel cannot help their situation.

The gospel cannot do the work of the church.

The gospel does not preach itself (Mark 16:15). The gospel itself cannot feed the needy. God's gospel can motivate Christians to be compassionate, but His children must step up and share their bounty. The gospel contains complete instructions that can strengthen and equip the church, but the gospel itself cannot take what Christians have learned and teach it to others so that they too can teach (2 Timothy 2:2).

The gospel cannot serve as a substitute for prayer.

The same Savior that tells us to preach the gospel also tells us to pray (Luke 18:1). The Holy Spirit inspired Paul to write that the gospel

is God's power unto salvation (Romans 1:16), but He also led that same apostle to pray for opportunities to preach the gospel (Colossians 4:2-3). We live the gospel, teach the gospel, and defend the gospel, but we still bring our petitions and thanksgiving before our heavenly Father in prayer (Philippians 4:6-7). The gospel is great, but it cannot take away the need to pray.

The gospel cannot take the place of faith.

"We have the gospel. What else could we need?" It is true that faith comes by hearing God's word (Romans 10:17). It is equally true that the word of God can build us up and give us an inheritance among the sanctified (Acts 20:32). However, we must not be deceived into thinking, "Hey, we have the gospel, so why do we need to have faith?"

Faith is man's proper response to the gospel message. The faith that pleases God is the faith that acts by love (Galatians 5:6). There is no benefit or consolation in having several copies of the Bible in our house if we are not going to put its teaching to use in our lives. It is still true that "without faith it is impossible to please" God (Hebrews 10:38).

I am so thankful that precious people taught me the gospel. I thank God for the power of the gospel to change people's lives and people's eternal destiny. But there are some things that even the gospel of the Lord Jesus cannot do.

—Roger Campbell

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