

The Baptist's Corner - Salvation

Over the last couple of issues, we have talked about Baptism and Eternal Salvation. These are important doctrines in Christianity, but are secondary to the most important of all doctrines of Christianity. That doctrine is the doctrine of salvation. Nothing else matters if you have not been born again according to Scripture! In this article we will look at this most important doctrine of Christianity. The doctrine that is the very reason for the King James Bible we have. Genesis begins with the story of creation. The last component of the creation story is the crea-

tion of man. Man was originally created in a glorified way. There was no death and man enjoyed the literal companionship of God. When God created man and placed him in the Garden of Eden, he gave man instruction that he could eat of every tree of the garden with the exception of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. Man was not to eat of it. God warned him if he did eat of it, in that day he would die. While in the garden, man and the woman that God created for him were tempted by the serpent to eat of the tree God had commanded the man not

to eat from. Instead of listening and acting on God's word, he and the woman ate the fruit of that tree. That day they died. They were not physically dead yet, but they died spiritually because they had sinned. They had sinned for the first time. This sin has now passed down through time and it's effects still affect us all. Because this sinned separated us from God and no man would be able to repay that sin, God had to create a way to make a final atonement for that sin.

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- ◆ Starting October 11, 2009, we will be holding our Sunday service at Screen at the Continent! Visit the web page for more info
- ◆ Radio Program on WHKC 91.5 FM. Saturdays at 11:00am and Sundays at 9:30pm.

**INSIDE THIS ISSUE:***John 3:16—The Reason For The Season*

As we rapidly approach the coming celebration of the birth of Jesus, I cannot help but think that folks need to be reminded about the reason for the season.

All too often, I hear the words, "Happy Holidays" or see things like Merry Xmas. The list goes on and on. I even hear professing Christians use these greetings and some who even go as far as to say, they do not believe in celebrating Christmas because Jesus was not born on December 25th. It is true,

Jesus was not born on December 25th. I believe a study of Scripture points this out. However, these same people that make this claim are the same ones who will not go out and spread the Gospel because of not wanting to offend others. In truth, it is them who are offended at Jesus.

A celebration of the birth of Jesus is the reason for the season. We as Christians enjoy this time of the year because it is the time traditionally set aside for

celebrating His birth. It is not a sin to celebrate the birth of Jesus.

John 3:16 spells out the reason for the season and specifically John 3:16 from the King James Bible,

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

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The Pastor's Post



The God Who Hates Unrepentant Sinners Loves You

"YOU SEE, THE
 FALSE GOD
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Mankind has created a "god" in their own image and to their own liking. They do not seek to know the true God and to learn of Him from His own words. Rather, they have an image (a mental "idol") and they only turn to the Bible to find any statements, whether in or out of context, to support their false god.

One of the clearest examples is the false, modern evangelical god who doesn't hate anyone. This fictitious version of God only loves and never hates. The evangelical is quick to point out that 1 John 4:8 says, "God is love." True. And it is also true that: "The Lord is a man of war: the Lord is His name." (Exodus 15:3) AND, "For our God is a consuming fire." (Hebrews 12:29)

The old-time evangelists used to preach sermons titled, "Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God," and "There's A Pay Day Someday," or "The God of the Bible Kills: Will He Kill YOU?" But you won't hear those kinds of sermons preached much these

days, especially among the self-proclaimed "evangelical" crowd.

But consider Psalm 5:11 which says, "The Lord trieth the righteous: but the wicked and him that loveth violence his soul hateth." Who does God hate? He hates the "wicked" and "him"... not the sin but the unrepentant, rebellious sinner.

You see, the false god created by modern apostate evangelicals is imbalanced. He's a love-sick sociopath who doesn't deal with sin, doesn't hate sin OR rebellious, unrepentant sinners. The god of evangelicalism is "inclusive" and opens His arms to Sodomites and says, "Welcome. Come as you are, stay as you are."

That's not God, that's a devil. Scripture says that God HATED Esau (and in context, is speaking of an entire RACE of people called Edomites), "And I hated Esau, and laid his mountains and his heritage waste for the dragons of the wilderness." (Malachi 1:3)

Scripture says that God HATES the unrepentant sinner. [Proverbs 6:16-19](#) says that the Lord HATES a false witness. It doesn't say He hates the sin. NO. It says He hates the SINNER. It also says He HATES "he that soweth discord among brethren." Again, it's not the sin but the unrepentant sinner that God hates. He hates the look, the tongue, the hands, the heart, the feet... and the SINNER himself.

If that doesn't describe your

God, then you worship a devil. ([1 Corinthians 10:19-20](#))

The Psalmist describes it God this way, "The foolish shall not stand in thy sight: thou hatest all workers of iniquity." God doesn't just hate the iniquity, but the "workers" of iniquity.

So, which is it? God is love but God also hates? Yes.

Both. God is balanced and it is not contradictory when the Bible says that He hates sin and unrepentant sinners but also loves. "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." (John 3:16)

So, it's up to you whether God loves you or God hates you. "He that believeth on him (Jesus) is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God." (John 3:18)

Will you reject His love and receive His hate and wrath, or repent and be loved eternally? "That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.

"For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. "For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed."

Romans 10:9-11 kjv

Reason

This time of the year presents us with the perfect opportunity to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ with those around us. It is one of two times of the year that we have a captive audience. The other being Easter. Christmas is a time of the year that most people, specifically the lost and marginal Christians, will go to church. Will they hear the Gospel? Unfortunately in this Laodicean age they will hear more about Santa Claus and the inherent goodness of man, than the truth of the Gospel. It is up to us Fundamental Christians to seize the opportunity to share

the Gospel even more so than others.

We should not wait for others to do this, but go out and give the gift that far exceeds any gift that can be given. Our salvation is that free gift given to us by God. It is the gift given to us because Jesus humbled himself to come as a man so that our sin could be atoned for once and for all. We know we can not earn salvation, but it is a free gift given to us by God himself. We have been given the gift of eternal life with God! Nothing else compares with this and if there was never another gift given to us, I for

one would not mind, I am happy beyond belief for this gift!

God sent his only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in him should not perish, but have eternal life! If this does not motivate you to go out and share this message with others, you need to repent!

Be a gift giver. Be the one who tells others about this gift of eternal life. Be the one that will receive reward in heaven because you shared the Gospel and enabled a soul to have eternal life in heaven with God. God loves the world, will you?

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World Persecution Watch: Afghanistan

According to Voice of the Martyrs 2009 Global Report, Afghanistan is plagued by violence, insecurity and the government's inability to control all parts of the country. Statistics for this country are 97.89% are practicing Mus-

lims and 0.02% are Christian. Anyone who acknowledges faith in Christ experiences intense persecution, including death. Just this year the immediate punishment for any male who is found to convert from being a Muslim to Christianity is death; they do not receive a trial. Despite

intense persecution and such life-threatening circumstance, our brothers and sisters in Christ love the Lord and are doing all they can to spread His message of grace and salvation. Please remember them in your prayers!

Puzzle Corner

John 3:14—16

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¹⁴ And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up:

¹⁵ That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life.

¹⁶ For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

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An Invitation To Visit

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“These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so.”

Contact us at the number listed on this page, and we would be happy to talk with you further and pray with you.

Unable to get around? Please visit us on the web at <http://www.kjvbiblebelievers.com> or listen on the radio in the central Ohio area on WHKC 91.5 FM on Saturdays at 11:00am and Sundays at 9:30pm.

We look forward to hearing from you!

Salvation

This is where the doctrine of salvation comes in. God loves us so much, He desired to make a way that we could once again enjoy fellowship with Him again as we had in the beginning.

Much of the Old Testament deals with prophecies concerning the one who would make it possible for us to be back in fellowship with God like we had in the beginning again. From the beginning in Genesis after man had fallen, God promised to provide a way for salvation. Genesis 3:15 says,

“ And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel. “ God is speaking to the serpent in this section and in the presence of the man, Adam and the woman. As the

prophecies continue, God further refines who that Savior will be. The one who would bruise the head of the serpent. As we go through the Old Testament, we find this Savior, the Messiah, would be of the line of Abraham, He would be one of God's chosen people, the Jews. We then find Messiah will be a Jew of the line of Judah. He would also be of the house of David. He would be born in Bethlehem. There would be a star announcing His birth. He would be born of a virgin. The Messiah would be both God and man. From history we also know the Messiah would be born before 70 AD when Titus destroyed Jerusalem. When this destruction occurred, the record of the lineages of the Jews was destroyed also. So no one born after that point could prove they were of the house of

David and therefore could not prove they are the Messiah. Jesus is the only one who could accomplish this. His birth and all the works he did prove this.

Salvation comes from believing on Jesus, and specifically on His death, burial and resurrection. It is Jesus who came to do the will of His Father. It is Jesus who is the Messiah. Jesus is the one who would have to suffer because of our sins. Jesus who is God and humbled himself to become a man like us, to be tempted like us in every way, yet without sin. When He died on the Cross, our sins were nailed to that Cross with Him. He died, was buried and most importantly rose from the dead according to Scripture. This is what the doctrine of salvation entails.