

"THUS SAITH THE LORD..."

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Encouraging people to "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." (2 Timothy 2:15)

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The Kindness And Love (Titus 3:4)



Are you kind or loving?

Too many times we hear negative remarks regarding others in some form of not being loving. But in reality it is a misunderstanding between being kind and being loving.

What is the difference? What is the importance? Should we not all just get along?

What is the environment like?

Both inside and outside of the church in equal proportions, people have lost the reason for gathering, for being a member, for their purpose in life. People gather mostly to socialize. A good sermon is one of an interesting story, information that appears interesting but not a threat to a person's lifestyle, or if sin is addressed, it deals with the extreme in the world and not the common in the church. People just want to feel good and if someone tries to mess with that feeling, "You're not kind" or "You're not loving."

What are the end time events?

The Bible says, "And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved" (2 Thessalonians 2:10). "And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that [spirit] of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world. We are of God: he that knoweth God heareth us; he that is not of God heareth not us. Hereby know we the spirit of truth, and the spirit of error" (1 John 4:3,6). Knowing, living, and sharing the truth is as much a part of the end time issues as other subjects are.

Today's application

How many people put aside the truth, the belief, the obedience, because someone declares, it is not loving.

Grandma has made a meal for the whole family. Some people believe pork products are forbidden. Others believe meat on Fridays during lent is forbidden. In either case, let us say that the pork is plentiful. There is some mixed in with the green beans, ham slices are being served, some ham is in with the baked beans, and bacon bits are throughout the salad. Grandma's feelings are going to be hurt. Some people would claim, "Eat what is provided because Jesus said that to His disciples!" That is not the whole truth. If you love the truth, you will realize that Jesus was speaking to His Jewish disciples that were going out to Jewish homes. There was no issue with clean and unclean meat among them.

And then there are the supposed Christians that will say, "You're not being kind to grandma if you abstain." "Fear God, and give glory to him!" (Revelation 14:7) is what we say. You are commanded to think first about God and secondarily the world. And God forbid that you would think more of a non-believer as compared to the obedience of God.

When you think of giving glory to God, think of the Hebrew boys that did not bow down. Think of Elijah who stood alone. Think of John the Baptist who was the lone voice. Think of being the only one at the table not eating and people asking why, which provides you the opportunity to plant the seed of truth. Forget the fact that name-calling, slander, and other negative remarks will most likely be said. Your job is to represent the truth at all times. Leave the consequences with God. And who cares if you die doing it. All that matters is

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If someone asked you "why do you believe that or why do you do that" could you give them an answer from the Bible — a TSTL?

Hosea 4:6 My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me: seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children.

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if heaven is pleased.

Kindness is not love

The Bible says, "*And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity*" (2 Peter 1:7). Charity is understood as love. The Bible clearly teaches that kindness is separate from love.

I can be kind to you to get my way but not love you. Or, I can appear unkind to you in sharing the truth because I love you. Ideally, kindly sharing the truth because I love you would be perfect. But what determines the truth being shared kindly is how it is received.

If I say to John, "Excuse me John, can I talk to you privately. I noticed that what you are doing is not what a Christian should do because the Bible says not to. And one of the reasons we are not to is...." Now if John says, "I'll do whatever I want to do and it is none of your business!" then John may accuse me of being unkind. But if he says, "Thank you. I did not know that. I won't do it anymore," then John may say that I was kind and considerate. In either case, my sharing the truth was based upon love.

So when we share that certain music is not to occur, certain activities should not be happening in the church, when we point out anything, it is up to you to accept the truth from us as a kind gesture or to blow up and accuse us of being hateful. We will continue to do our job in either case. How are you about receiving it?

Sharing the truth in love

The Bible says, "*Speaking the truth in love*" (Ephesians 4:15). The above

scenario with grandma does not seem loving if you do not partake. That is because people have the wrong focus. People are focused upon actions and not motivation.

If a person does a nice thing because they have to, is that being kind? If a person does a nice thing because they want to, is that being kind? The answer is the latter.

If you agree with that, then the logical conclusion is that when you share the truth, even though they do not accept it, it is still the loving thing to do because of the motivation to see the person in heaven. We love you too much to stay silent. Despite the encouraging letters we receive, we do have people telling us that we are unkind.

In reality, allowing people to continue as they are is being unkind. In fact, Satan is undermining the church through error. We are combating Satan in the form of members being his instruments. Silence is a form of being guilty for not acting responsibly for the sheep they have been entrusted with.

Conclusion

"And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness" (Matthew 24:14). This is our calling. This is our duty. "Our" spoken here is not "Thus Saith the Lord" Ministries, it is you and I. Will you rise up to your calling? Never mind the results. Be a witness in this six thousand year long trial!

You are being called to the stand as a witness. Stand as a witness!

WHO HATH BELIEVED OUR REPORT? AND TO WHOM IS THE ARM OF THE LORD REVEALED?

(Isaiah 53:1)



» **BrietBart, June 12, 2007 - Southern Baptists Hear a Call for Unity**

Southern Baptist Convention president Frank Page said Tuesday the denomination needs to set aside internal differences and be both "right and relevant" to revive languishing membership trends. "We must come together in one spirit over the core beliefs

that we hold in common," Chapman said. "... We must not make every doctrinal issue a crusade or a political football."

COMMENT: "*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*" (2 John 1:9). Why is it that the ones that push for modifying and allowing other doctrines outside of the

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DO YOU HAVE A TSTL FOR THAT?

The purpose of these Bible studies is to help you seek for a TSTL—"Thus Saith the Lord..." for all that you believe. May you go forward in this study with that goal.



Put Your Trust In The LORD
(Psalms 4:5)

1. What is the one and only way to study the Bible? **Isaiah 28:9-10**
2. What is one purpose of the Old Testament? **Romans 15:4**
3. What may be the result of someone thinking they are all right? **Proverbs 14:12**
4. What can happen if we do not study God's Word? **Isaiah 55:8**
5. How can we know what God would have us do? **2 Timothy 3:15-16, John 16:13**

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Word of God accuse those that keep to the doctrines as creating a political football? "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever" (Hebrews 13:8). Why then do we have to have these issues? Either abortion is right or wrong. Either speaking in tongues of an unknown "heavenly" language is right or wrong. Either we keep the commandments or not. If the people that want to change the "rules" would cease from doing it, we would not have issues. It is when the allowance group tries to make it easier to join the church and interferes with the doctrines of Christ.

» **The Scotsman, May 17, 2007 - Tragic end for woman who said no to cancer treatment to save her unborn**

ANSWERS TO LAST MONTH'S STUDY:

Submit Yourselves (1 Peter 2:13)

1. Under what condition are we to submit to one another? **Ephesians 5:21** "Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God."
2. Under what condition are wives to submit to their husbands? **Colossians 3:18** "Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as it is fit in the Lord."
3. If we submit to God, what else are we to do? **James 4:7** "Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you."
4. To learn from one another, who and in which direction are we to submit? **1 Peter 5:5** "Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder. Yea, all [of you] be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble."

son

WHEN Anna Radosz, a mother to be, was diagnosed with a potentially fatal form of skin cancer, her first thoughts were for her unborn child. Six months into the pregnancy, she was told a course of chemotherapy would be needed to successfully tackle the malignant melanoma. But the 27-year-old refused the potentially life-saving treatment to protect her baby, and she gave birth to a healthy son, Oscar, last November. But that selfless sacrifice has cost Ms Radosz her life.

COMMENT: John 15:13 "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends."

Think On These Things

Sign

"For the Jews require a sign, and the Greeks seek after wisdom: But we preach Christ crucified, unto the Jews a stumblingblock, and unto the Greeks foolishness; But unto them which are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God, and the wisdom of God." (1 Corinthians 1:22-24)

Many, even among Christians, have said "It's an old wives tale, it is a sign when ..." Or something out of the ordinary happens, people are quick to say, "It is a sign..." Many a prayer include the words, "Lord, give me a sign ..."

Not all supernatural events are a sign. And just because you are a devout Christian does not mean a sign can only come from God. It can mean that Satan is pulling out all his means to distract you from your walk with God that he has to resort to signs to accomplish such.

"And he [Jesus] sighed deeply in his spirit, and saith, Why doth this generation seek after a sign? verily I say unto you, There shall no sign be given unto this generation" (Mark 8:12).

Take for instance the speaking of tongues. Many take it as a sign of being filled with the Holy Spirit. The Bible says, "Wherefore tongues are for a sign, not to them that believe, but to them that believe not: but prophesying [serveth] not for them that believe not, but for them which believe" (1 Corinthians 14:22). You speaking in tongues is a sign for the non-believer; not for you.

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***Put Your Trust
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How Did Judas Die?
(Question & Answer)



ANSWERS FOUND IN THE SCRIPTURE OF TRUTH (Dan. 10:21)



QUESTION #1– How did Judas die?

ANSWER #1– *Matthew 27:5* says, "And he cast down the pieces of silver in the temple, and departed, and went and hanged himself."

Acts 1:18 says, "Now this man purchased a field with the reward of iniquity; and falling headlong, he burst asunder in the midst, and all his bowels gushed out."

So the one verse is suicide by hanging and the other appears to be a great fall. But notice that the great fall has no reference to

his death. It simply states that the falling caused the insides to gush out.

Therefore, after buying the field, Judas went out and hanged himself. Then after he was already dead, the body weight caused the rope to break and Judas hit the ground very hard. Evidently it was on a hill because of falling headlong and then the insides gushed out.

So the conclusion is that there is no contradiction but rather a sequence of events: first the hanging and then the fall.

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