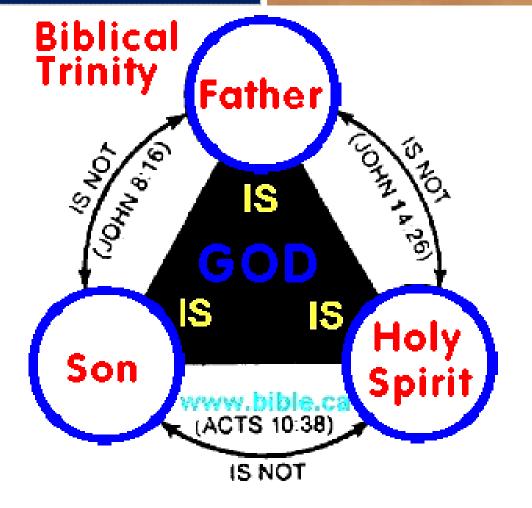
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We Extend A Warm & Cordial Welcome To All Our Visitors!

Home Sweet Home!

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Home is where the heart is, We head that way each day After hustle and bustle of highways To arrive safely, we softly pray.

At times when home seems tiresome We feel we must get away, But we hang onto that door key, No matter come what may.

Oh, it's great to go on vacation, From place to place to roam, When we grow tired of roaming That key screams "Home Sweet Home."

We look forward to a Promised Land, When life's highways we no longer roam. To hear the Heavenly Father say, "My child, come in you're home." Many times it has been said that all who believe in Jesus are all traveling to the same place, except on different roads. Certainly one must follow Jesus in order to be able to go to heaven (Matthew 16:24); however, what does the Bible say concerning the way? Notice a couple of passages.

Having just announced to His apostles of His near departure from this world, which caused them to be grieved, Jesus spoke words of comfort to them that if He departed He would again return that we may be where He is (John 14:1-3). In verse 4, Jesus said, "And whither I go ye know, and the way ye know." This confused the apostles and Thomas asked, "Lord, we know not whither thou goest; and how can we know the way?" (verse 5). Notice Jesus' response: "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me." Certainly we can understand what Jesus meant when He said that we cannot come to the Father except by Him; however, did you notice that He said, "I am the way..." The did not say, "I am <u>A</u> way..." or "I am one of many ways!" Jesus said, "I am THE way." The only way that we can come to the Father by Jesus is by obeying His commandments. Solomon said, "There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death" (Proverbs 14:12).

Next, consider Matthew 7:13-14, where Jesus said, "Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it." There are two different and distinct ways mentioned in these verses, only one of which will lead to the Father and eternal life. In life, we have two choices, we can either choose to follow that which seems right in our own heart or we can choose to follow Jesus (not picking and choosing what we will and will not obey). We cannot do that which we "believe" is right and enter the strait gate and walk the narrow way. The standards of the broad way are set by each individual; however, the end of this way is destruction (II Thessalonians 1:7-9). Any person willing to conform their life to God's Will is walking in the narrow way, which leads to eternal life. Remember, Satan is the deceiver of the whole world (Revelation 12:9) and is doing his best to convince us that the way we are traveling is the right way. Be not deceived!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Jan. 4th Ladies Bible Class & Men's Business Meeting.
- ➢ Jan 11th − Preach & Eat.
- > Jan 11th Worship @ Eula Osborne's & Birthday Get-Together @ 3:00 pm.
- > Please give support money for Chinese orphans to Minnie Kennell

Homosexuality in the Classroom by Brad Harrub, Ph.D.

A recent chance conversation with a homosexual activist revealed a wicked and terrifying undercurrent below the surface of our society. He commented that many homosexuals were no longer battling for same-sex marriage in the courtrooms or at the polls, because they know it will be a "non-issue" in ten years. When I asked what he meant, he informed me that rather than fighting to have laws changed, activists have changed tactics, and are now focusing the battle in the public school classroom. He noted that if they could teach tolerance and acceptance in the schoolroom, then it would be a piece of cake to have the laws overturned in a decade or so, once those students were of voting age.

This gentleman's words reminded me of the quote that is attributed to Adolf Hitler: "Let me control the textbooks, and I will control the state." During a speech he delivered on November 6, 1939, Hitler stated: "When an opponent declares, 'I will not come over to your side,' I calmly say, 'Your child belongs to us already.... What are you? You will pass on. Your descendants, however, now stand in the new camp. In a short time they will know nothing else but this new community." Chilling words—given the recent change in tactics by militant homosexuals who are teaching our children to accept everything and everyone, and that the only real sin is the sin of intolerance.

Consider also that within the past few years the Gay, Lesbian, and Straight Education Network (GLSEN) has been formed in an effort to normalize homosexuality in public classrooms. Kindergarten students are now being taught about "human differences" while activists establish youth homosexuality clubs on campuses so that kids can be "initiated" into alternative lifestyles. With each passing day our children are being methodically trained to reject the moral beliefs of their parents and God.