

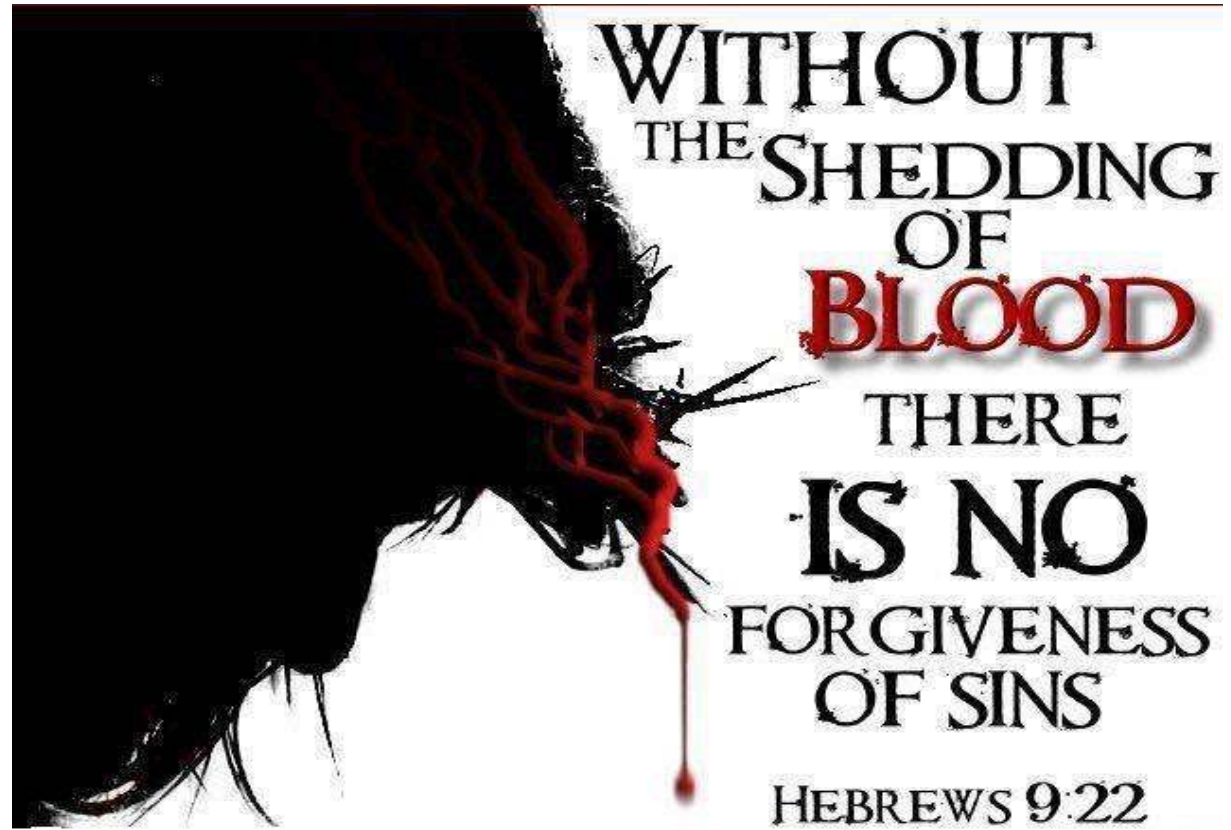


**Today's Sermons**  
 Morning: By What Authority?  
 Evening: A Look at Calvin's TULIP – Part 3

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**Times of Services:**  
Sunday  
 Bible Study:... 10:00am  
 AM Worship...11:00am  
 PM Worship:...6:00pm  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday:.....1:30pm

Wednesday  
 Bible Study:.....7:00pm

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**Zeal Without Knowledge?**  
 Greg Weston

There are many who proclaim discipleship of Jesus. Many are zealous for that which they consider right. But, often times when their view of right is compared to God's inspired will there are differences. Does it matter? Paul said it does. "For I bear them witness that they have a zeal for God, but not according to knowledge. For being ignorant of God's righteousness, and seeking to establish their own, they did not subject themselves to the righteousness of God" (Rom. 10:2,3).

Many of the nation of Israel had zeal, but they were not obeying the will of God. In fact, at one time Paul was in that category. But Paul heard and understood the gospel. At that point he changed. His example is one we can follow. If we find that we are acting, living, or teaching contrary to the will of God we must immediately change.

If one follows zeal without knowledge, that person is seeking to establish their own righteousness. This is not acceptable to God. To seek to follow one's own will is to deny the Lordship of Jesus. Many will say that they are not denying Jesus, but the interpretation of some who claim to follow Jesus. But, that attitude is often used as a ruse to do as they desire or think.

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To illustrate this point, consider church 'government'. There are many in the religious world who use the word 'bishop' in a religious sense. Yet, their use is foreign to New Testament teaching. The bishop of the New Testament was an elder or pastor. All three words are interchangeable and denote the work of those caring for the church of God in the local congregation [see Acts 20:17, 28 elder, feed (pastor), and oversee (bishop)]. To use this term for one overseeing a group of congregations is to apply it incorrectly. It is seeking to establish one's own 'government' in the church and is a denial of that which God has ordained.

Again, to illustrate our point - there are many who teach that one can go to heaven without being baptized [immersed] in water. But, the Lord said one is saved when he or she believes and is baptized (Mark 16:16). Peter said baptism was "for the remission of sins" and Paul was baptized to "wash away" his sins (Acts 2:38; 22:16). To teach that salvation comes at faith is not true. It is seeking to establish one's own righteousness. We must, in faith, trust the Lord to tell us when our sins are forgiven [remitted] which is the point of our salvation. We know through the Scriptures, and our faith moves us to zealously defend it. We must have both zeal and knowledge to be right with God.

*"I will love thee, O LORD, my strength. The LORD is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; my God, my strength, in whom I will trust; my buckler, and the horn of my salvation, and my high tower. I will call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised: so shall I be saved from mine enemies" (Psalm 18:1-3).*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Apr 30 – Song Service
- May 14 – **No** Preach-N-Eat or 1:30 Worship – HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!
- May 21 - Preach-N-Eat & 1:30 Worship
- May 21-25 – Our Gospel Meeting with John Daniels
- Please give support money for Chinese orphans to Minnie Kennell

## Zealous of Good Works

Greg Weston

"For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men, teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age, looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself His own special people, zealous for good works" (Titus 2:11-14).

The grace of God is seen in Jesus. He gave himself for us, to redeem and purify us. For what purpose? To be his special people, and to be zealous of good works. What kind of work does this include?

- The proclamation of the gospel of Christ which saves (Rom. 1:16).
- The learning of sound doctrine, living it, & declaring the same (Tit. 2:1-15).
- Speaking with grace - to all (Col. 4:6).
- Feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, and give shelter to the stranger (Matt. 25:34-40).
- To provoke one another to love and good works (Heb. 10:24).
- To be in the assembly (Heb. 10:25).
- To do good to all (Gal. 6:10).

These are just a few of the good things we can do. This list was given by members of the Bible class last Wednesday evening. They were doing good and promoting good. We are the Lord's special people, and are to be zealous of good works. We do not just talk about good, we do good! There are many positive benefits gained by this attitude, but the greatest is that we are faithful to the Lord and his purpose for us. As each day unfolds seek the good, do for others and especially your brothers and sisters in Christ.

*"If we abide by the principles taught in the Bible, our country will go on prospering and to prosper; but if we and our posterity neglect its instruction and authority, no man can tell how sudden a catastrophe may overwhelm us and bury all our glory in profound obscurity." ~*

*Daniel Webster*