



Today's Sermons

Morning: Jesus, The Son of...

Evening: Fellowship: Basis & Limits – Part 2

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Stop using

"GOD KNOWS MY HEART"

to excuse your

WILLFUL DISOBEDIENCE

"If you love Me, you will keep My commandments." John 14:15



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"THEY PROFESS THAT THEY KNOW GOD, BUT IN WORKS THEY DENY HIM"
 Roger D. Campbell

The above words form the opening statement in Titus 1:16. The verse goes on to say, "... they deny him, being abominable, and disobedient, and unto every good work reprobate." In the context, the apostle Paul was writing to Titus about the circumstances, the people, and the activities that the latter would have to face and deal with on the island of Crete. In the previous verse, Paul had specifically mentioned those that are defiled and unbelieving. Such people, he said, profess to know God, but in works they deny Him.

All serious Bible students are familiar with the fact that Simon Peter denied Jesus three times. It is also commonly known that Jesus said, "*But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father which is in heaven*" (Matthew 10:33). But, what about the concept of denying the Lord with our actions? Remember, Titus 1:16 says that some deny the Lord in/by their works. Despite their claims, their behavior makes it evident that they are not really devoted to and faithful to the God of heaven. Are you and I of that number? Does our action undo/negate our professed allegiance to Him?

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If I sing, “All to Jesus I Surrender,” but when it comes to my first-day-of-the-week contribution, I grudgingly drop my leftovers that amount to one or two per cent of my income into the collection, my profession of surrendering all for my Lord is not very truthful, is it?

If I sing, “Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God,” but I have no intention of attending any service of the church after the Sunday morning session because, honestly, there are other matters that I count as more important on Sunday night, during mid-week Bible study and any night of a gospel meeting, then do my works not deny my Lord and my professed devotion to Him?

If I sing, “Holy, Holy, Holy” in praise to the Creator, but outside of the church’s meeting place I habitually take the Lord’s name in vain, then do I really have reverence for the Lord, or do my actions deny such?

If I sing, “I Want to Be a Soul Winner for Jesus Every Day,” but I “wouldn’t be caught dead” talking to a non-Christian about the Bible and the salvation that is available through Jesus, then does my practice match my claim, or am I denying my professed allegiance to my Lord and His Cause?

If I drive home to my denominational friends the truth that we must go by the Bible, only by the Bible, and always by the Bible, but when I find myself in a major mess because I have unscripturally divorced and unscripturally formed a second union that civil authorities call “marriage” and I try to brush off my sinful actions by saying, “Nobody is perfect,” does that not sound like I am denying my Lord by casting aside what He said about these matters? (Matthew 19:9).

Some, like Peter, deny the Lord by claiming that they are not His. False teachers deny the Lord that bought them with their damnable, destructive heresies (2 Peter 2:1). Yet others deny the Lord by their actions (Titus 1:16). None of these three forms of denial is commendable, defensible, or acceptable. Any of them will cause a person to lose his/her soul. Regardless of the manner in which we deny the Lord, “. . . *if we deny him, he also will deny us*” (2 Timothy 2:12).

If we say that we know God, then we need to prove it: not by flaunting our faithfulness or by boasting about our behavior, but rather by obeying Him that saved us. “*And hereby we do know that we know him, if we keep his commandments. He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him*” (1 John 2:3,4). Who among us cannot understand such language?

What About Death Bed Conversions

Tim Canup

At some point in time, we all have heard of someone claiming a person was saved just moments or hours before they departed from this life by simply confessing Jesus as their Savior. However, are such examples a pattern that can be safely followed? Let us look at what God has said in His Word.

First and foremost, we must understand that Jesus is the only means of salvation (John 14:6, Acts 4:12, II Timothy 2:10). We must be willing to put our own will to the side and follow the instructions given by Jesus. God has always demanded absolute obedience to His Will! Speaking of Jesus, Hebrews 5:9 states, “And being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that **obey** him.” If it is the case that someone who is standing at death’s chilling door obeys “from the heart” (in other words, sincerely and honestly) all the commandments given by Jesus, then that person can be saved. We must also remember that God knows the heart and intent of all people. We may be able to fool other people, but we will NEVER fool God!

If the person who is facing death truly has faith that Jesus is the Christ (John 8:24), repents of their sins (Luke 13:3), confesses that Jesus is the Christ (Matthew 10:32-33), and is baptized (by immersion into water) to have their sins washed away (forgiven), then they can obtain the salvation from their past sins and eternal salvation when this life is over. In Matthew 20:1-16, Jesus spoke in a parable of a householder who went out at various times to hire people to labor in his vineyard. All who were hired agreed to work for a certain amount; from those who were first hired unto those who entered in the “eleventh hour.” This parable illustrates that no matter what point we enter into the Lord’s church, if we are honest and meet all the requirements to work (obey His commandments), then we can have the reward of heaven. However, we must also remember that this is not a reason to procrastinate obeying God’s Commandments until the last minute, for we do not know when our last day will be. Many good, moral people have departed this life unprepared to stand before God in judgment (having never obeyed the Gospel of Jesus Christ). Why don’t you obey His will before it is too late?

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Nov 26 – Song Service
- Dec 3 – Men’s Business Meeting & Ladies’ Bible Class
- Dec 10 – Preach-N-Eat & 1:30 Worship
- Please give support money for Chinese orphans to Minnie Kennell