

**Today's Sermons**

Morning: Worship – The Lord's Supper  
 Evening: Worship – Bible Study

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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

Radio Program  
 Sunday:.....7:30am  
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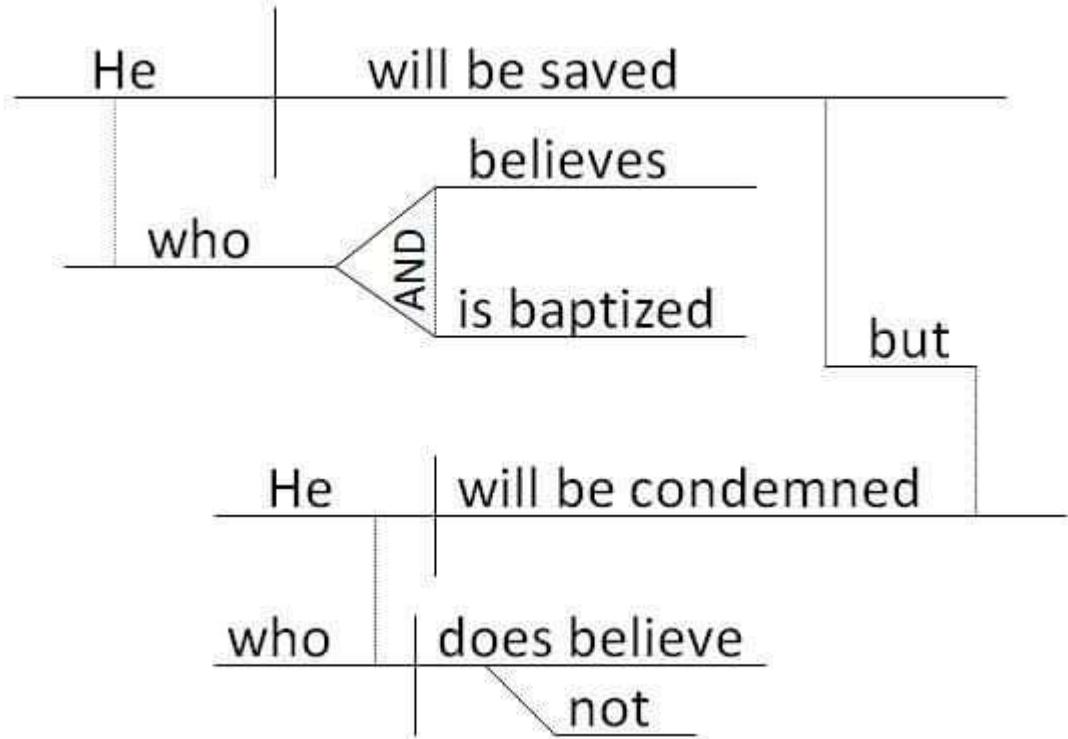
**I WANT TO!**  
 Maxie B. Boren

Most folks do what they want to do. If a person's desire to do something is strong enough, he'll somehow get it done. Motivation is the key. This is true in all realms of human endeavor. It's true in education, in business, in athletics, in recreation, in hobbies, or whatever.

And it is certainly true in every facet of living the Christian life. If a person really loves the Lord, the church, and the truth, he will do what the New Testament teaches he should do. Jesus said, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments" (John 14:15). There won't be any bickering about it, no balking, and no effort to circumvent the plain teaching of the Savior. The true Christian will worship, work, and serve, because that is what he WANTS to do!

One of the worst mistakes we make in the church is to deal with symptoms instead of the cause, with externals instead of the internal. We who preach, "rake brethren over the coals" for their sporadic attendance, lack of interest, and non-involvement - in our frustration we see these obvious manifestations of spiritual deficiencies, and thus, we strike directly at them. But the real "culprit" is what is missing in

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the hearts of the lukewarm - the "I WANT TO" factor! To repeat, motivation is the key!

But how is one motivated to "want to?" The answer surely begins with Matthew 22:37-38. "Thou shalt love the Lord with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the great and first commandment." When the "affections" in our heart are "sorted out" as to priorities, then so shall it be in our lives! This is exactly what the apostle Paul meant in Colossians 3:2, where he wrote, "Set your mind on the things that are above, not on the things that are upon the earth." Once this is a reality within our hearts, then, and only then will we be able to say, "For to me to live is Christ" (Philippians 1:2 1). Paul could express such a sentiment, and what he further states in Philippians 3:7-9a, because his heart was right with the Lord, his affections were centered on Him, and his priorities were straight! Therefore, he served the Lord with everything he had! And he did it because he "wanted to!"

Dear brother or sister in Christ, if you feel yourself "slipping" spiritually, will you not think prayerfully on this little article? And learn to say from the deep recesses of your heart, "I WANT TO" be a worker for my Lord!

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*“But when Peter was come to Antioch, I withstood him to the face, because he was to be blamed. For before that certain came from James, he did eat with the Gentiles: but when they were come, he withdrew and separated himself, fearing them which were of the circumcision. And the other Jews dissembled likewise with him; insomuch that Barnabas also was carried away with their dissimulation. But when I saw that they walked not uprightly according to the truth of the gospel, I said unto Peter before them all, If thou, being a Jew, livest after the manner of Gentiles, and not as do the Jews, why compellest thou the Gentiles to live as do the Jews? We who are Jews by nature, and not sinners of the Gentiles, Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Jesus Christ, that we might be justified by the faith of Christ, and not by the works of the law: for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified” (Galatians 2:11-16).*

## DYING WITHOUT GOD

Charles Box

Some person you know and love is going to die unprepared for death and judgment. They will die without God and without hope. And remember these are people who are precious to you. This a tragedy of all tragedies. These precious lost ones do not have to perish (2 Pet. 3:9). Christ Jesus gave His life to redeem the lost from sin. At just the right time Jesus was born. “But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law” (Gal. 4:4). He lived without sin and then died on a cross to save sinners (Heb. 2:9). If it was not for the death of Jesus, God would have no choice but to punish men for sin. But, Jesus died as our sin substitute (2 Cor. 5:21). The gospel is God’s power to save (Rom. 1:16). You must share this salvation message with as many as you can. Your love, prayer, concern, and effort may lead them to the “Lamb of God” so their sins can be forgiven. “The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world” (John 1:29). Are you putting forth an honest effort to win the souls of others for Jesus? Do you want to face God in eternity having done any less than your best in reaching the lost? Do you want to sit by and allow people you love, people who are precious to you, people you work with or even strangers to die without God and without hope? Do you want to look into the cold, lifeless face of a fellow human being and be left with the awful thought that you might have done something to save them from hell if only you had tried. If souls are to be won specific action must be taken: (1) Select six people who with God’s help, you will try to win for Jesus. The six are: , , , , , ; (2) Pray for them daily by name; (3) Encourage these lost ones to attend the services of the church. Pick them up for the assembly and sit with them during worship; (4) Have them in your home for a meal and also visit in their home; (5) Study the Bible with them in some organized way; and (6) Be a true friend to these lost ones. Do not give up. Be persistent in the things above and in other things you can do to bring these lost ones to Jesus. “They that sow in tears shall reap in joy. He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him” (Psa. 126:5-6).

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- July 29-Aug 2 – Spring/Lansing Barn Meeting with Daniel Koen
- Aug 2 – Preach-N-Eat & 1:30 Service
- Aug 9 – Men’s Business Meeting and Ladies’ Bible Class
- Please give support money for Chinese orphans to Jim Winters