



**Today's Sermons**

Morning: Ten Things That Will NOT Happen at the Judgment  
 Evening: Q & A

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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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**It Is What God Says It Is**  
 Tim Canup

Of one old preacher, a brother once observed that he was one who would "call an ace and ace!" Another old adage says, "If it walks like a duck and quacks like a duck, there is a good chance that it is a duck." I read the following in a book recently: "Abraham Lincoln told the story of a little boy who said to his father, 'Dad, if we counted my little dog's tail as a leg, how many legs would my little dog have?' The father answered 'five,' and the little boy laughed and said, 'No, Dad, my dog would still have only four legs--counting his tail a leg would not make it so.'" We live in a society that has become completely overcome by sin; where sin is openly welcomed, practiced, glorified, and even promoted and those who oppose it are condemned. Truly the words of Isaiah apply today as much as they did when he wrote them: "Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil; Who put darkness for light, and light for darkness; Who put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!" (Isaiah 5:20).

It is not my intent to seem to elevate one sin over another or to minimize any sin; If God calls something a sin, then it is in vain for us to say otherwise, even if the

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**The Bible - God's Revelation to Man**

Acts 20:32

**MANS NEED OF IT**

**TO KNOW GOD** →  
Acts 17:14-25 • Jer. 10:10

**TO KNOW SELF** →  
Gen. 1:26-27 • Eccl. 12:13

**TO KNOW SIN** →  
1 John 3:4-8 • Rom. 3:23

**TO KNOW TRUTH** →  
John 8:32 • 1 Pet. 1:22

**TO KNOW ETERNITY** →  
Rev. 21:8 • John 14:1-3

Psalm 119:105  
 Psalm 19:7-8  
 2 Tim. 3:16-17  
 Revelation 22:18-19

← **TO STUDY IT**  
Psa. 1:1-2 • 1 Tim. 2:15

← **BELIEVE IT**  
Ro. 10:10 • 1 Thess. 2:13

← **OBEY IT**  
Jos. 7:23 • Rom. 6:16-18

← **LOVE IT**  
Psa. 119:97 • Matt. 13:23

← **TEACH IT**  
2 Tim. 2:21 • 1 Pet. 3:15

All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.  
 2 Timothy 3:16-17

**STUDY GOD'S WORD EVERYDAY . . . EVERYDAY . . . EVERYDAY!**

entire world accepts it. In Galatians 6:7-8, Paul wrote, “Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap. <sup>8</sup>For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life.” I remember hearing brother Thomas Warren say of the phrase, “God is not mocked,” that it comes from a Greek word that means we cannot turn our nose up at God, in other words, we cannot make something come out other than how God said it would. No person can enter into the kingdom of heaven with unrepented sin in his or her life any more than you can make a tomato seed produce an orange! It is just not going to happen.

So, what is sin and what is not? Who is to determine? Our local, state or federal government or The Supreme Court? A few years ago, a judge in Buncombe county, North Carolina overturned the popular vote in this state and ruled in favor of allowing a certain activity that God has deemed as a sin. Does that make it okay or so? Do we decide what is sin based on what the majority of citizens in a country says? How about what some “preacher” says? If our determination of what is sin is not based on the Word of God, then it does not matter about our conclusion! So, what does the Bible say? Not what we think it says, or what someone else thinks it says.

Recently I read about a baseball announcer who was fired for using a slur {the article never identified what it was he said-TAC} against the LGBTQ community, for which he apologized. Now, hear me carefully, I DO NOT endorse name-calling or using “slurs,” but when it comes to sin, shouldn’t we call it like God calls it. Our comments should never reflect on the person, but on the sin in which they are engaged. What does the Bible say about homosexuality? You see, we live in a time and in a society where homosexuality is gaining acceptance, even within those in the religious world. It is being so forcefully pushed upon us that many, because of fear of being labeled as intolerant or even persecuted, are accepting it and even defending it. The Bible makes it clear that homosexuality is a sin (carefully read Leviticus 18:22; Romans 1:26-27; I Corinthians 6:9; II Peter 2:6-8; Jude 7); therefore, there is nothing we can do or say that will make that any different. In fact, if we endorse it or approve of it, we too will be held guilty (cf. II John 9-11).

Consider what the psalmist said in Psalm 50:16-21, “But to the wicked God says: “What *right* have you to declare My statutes, Or take My covenant in your mouth, <sup>17</sup>Seeing you hate instruction And cast My words behind you? <sup>18</sup>When you saw a thief, you consented with him, And have been a partaker with adulterers. <sup>19</sup>You give your

mouth to evil, And your tongue frames deceit. <sup>20</sup>You sit *and* speak against your brother; You slander your own mother’s son. <sup>21</sup>These *things* you have done, and I kept silent; You thought that I was altogether like you; *But* I will rebuke you, And set *them* in order before your eyes.” Concerning the thief in verse 18, who has committed the sin of stealing, it says “you consented with him.” The New American Standard Bible renders it, “are pleased with him” with a footnote that says, “run together.”

If God calls abortion murder, it is murder; and murder is a sin, not “women’s reproductive health care”! If God calls adultery sin, it is sin and there’s not anything that can be done to change that! If God calls homosexuality an abomination, then that is exactly what it is and is exactly how we should identify it. On the Day of Judgment, this is how these things will be identified and our lives, actions, words and thoughts will be judged by that Word (cf. John 12:48).

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*“These words spake Jesus, and lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, Father, the hour is come; glorify thy Son, that thy Son also may glorify thee: As thou hast given him power over all flesh, that he should give eternal life to as many as thou hast given him. And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent. I have glorified thee on the earth: I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do. And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was”  
(John 17:1-5).*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Sept 6 – Men’s Business Meeting & Ladies’ Bible Class {Lesson 4}
- Sept 13 – Preach-N-Eat & 1:30 Worship
- Sept 16-20 – Gospel Seminar at the Ashe Civic Center with Eddy Craft **[CANCELED]**
- Please give support money for Chinese orphans to Jim Winters