

Today's Sermons

Morning: Ten Things That Will NOT Be in Heaven
Evening: The Unmerciful Servant

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What About Your Soul?

“For what will it profit them
to gain the whole world
and forfeit their life?”

Mark 8:36 NRSV



Men look for profit in things that are
temporary.

Gods sees profit in things that are
eternal.

The soul is too valuable to loose.

The world is too temporal for gain.

“Come to Me, all you who labor and
are heavy laden, and I will give you
rest. Take My yoke upon you and
learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly
in heart, and you will find rest for your
souls. For My yoke is easy and My
burden is light.”

Matthew 11:28-30



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PM Worship:...6:00pm

2nd Sunday:.....1:30pm

Wednesday

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

Radio Program

Sunday:.....7:30am

“Back to the Bible”

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

“Worthy is the Lamb who was slain To receive power
and riches and wisdom, And strength and honor and
glory and blessing!” (Rev. 5:12).



“SALVATION
belongs to OUR GOD
who sits on the throne,
and to THE LAMB!”

Is the church of Christ a denomination?

Todd Clippard

The church of Christ is not a denomination. A denomination is a group larger than the local church, yet smaller than the church universal. The Bible never speaks of the church as a denomination, neither does it mention any denominational concept of the church. In fact, the Bible condemns religious division throughout the New Testament.

Jesus prayed for the unity of all believers in John 17:20-23. In that prayer, He prayed for this unity to imitate the unity between the Father and Himself. Obviously, Jesus and His Father are unified in matters of doctrine, for Jesus cited His Father as the source of His message in John 12:48-50.

Paul condemned religious in 1 Corinthians 1:10 & Romans 16:17. Writing to the Corinthians, Paul said "Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment."

Writing to Romans, Paul said "Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them."

Any teaching about the nature of the church that accepts a denominational concept of Christianity is to be avoided at all costs: "Is Christ divided?" (1 Cor 1:13). Christ is the head of the body, the church (Col 1:18; cf Eph 1:22-23). Note the singularity in this verse -- one head, one body = one church.

Consider also Ephesians 5:23-32. There are at least a dozen references to the church, all of them singular. When the apostles wrote "to the churches" (cf 1 Cor 16:1), they were not writing to different denominations, but instead to different congregations of the same church residing in the same region.

The denominational concept of Christianity was unknown in the days of the apostles. The one church established by Jesus was sufficient to meet the needs of all men of that day. The essence of man is unchanged from the beginning. Man's need for remission of sins and reconciliation to God remain the same. Thus, since one church was all that was needed (and authorized) in the first century, then there is only a need for one church today.

Exchange for Your Soul?

Greg Weston

Then Jesus said to His disciples, "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it. For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul? For the Son of Man will come in the glory of His Father with His angels, and then He will reward each according to his works" (Matt. 16:24-27).

Our soul is precious. The body one day will return to dust, but our spirit will continue in eternity (cf. Matt. 25:46). Where we spend eternity is in our hands, for God has made salvation possible through Jesus. We can live in eternity with God and receive the blessings he wants to give us, or we can choose to live a life in rebellion to him and live eternally apart from him and in torment. This is the general background to the words of Jesus

It is good for each of us to evaluate our goals in life, and how we are working to meet those goals. One of the questions Jesus asks goes to our desire for things. If a man gains the whole world, but loses his own soul, what is the advantage to him. If we spend our lives pursuing newer, bigger, and better we will end our life with great frustration. For the joy those things bring will end. Eternity will set in and we will reap what we have sown. Too many people have given their soul for things, for pleasure, for power or some other temporary benefit. Too few are living to prepare for eternity. Stop a moment. Consider your own life. Are you giving up your soul?

How do we keep our soul? Obviously by putting the Lord first. He is before all physical goods. This means our financial picture places our giving to the Lord and our work to spread his word in first place. Possession of physical things is not wrong, unless it causes our devotion to be focused in the wrong direction. And, the Lord is first in personal relationships. We cannot put our family or friends before the Lord. This means we will refuse certain activities and some relationships. In our relationships we are to seek to encourage them to godliness. We should seek our brothers and sisters first. Their fellowship will help us put the Lord first and not exchange it for anything less. Your soul is precious, do not trade it for anything or any person.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Sept 6 – Men's Business Meeting & Ladies' Bible Class {Lesson 4}
- Sept 13 – Preach-N-Eat & 1:30 Worship **[CANCELED]**
- Please give support money for Chinese orphans to Jim Winters