

THE MOST DANGEROUS ERROR

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So what is the most dangerous error? Isn't all error dangerous? Yes, but I think there's a lot of truth to the old maxim that the most dangerous error is that which is mostly true. Rat poison is 99 percent whole wheat. It's the one percent that kills.

Paul warned of those who "Pervert" the one true Gospel (Galatians 1:6-9). That word "Pervert" (vs 7) literally means to corrupt, distort, vitiate, pollute. Just as that one percent of poison pollutes the ninety-nine percent of whole wheat.

Paul teaches that "*Satan himself Transforms himself into an angel of Light*" (2 Corinthians 11:14). Why? So

that he might deceive folks in religious matters (2 Corinthians 11:3).

Many folks like to watch or listen to these radio and televangelists. I do so myself from time to time. A brother once said something to me that I agreed with about one of these popular televangelists – "I agree with almost everything he says." Yep! But it's those few things he says that are wrong that gets him (and his listeners) in trouble.

Listen, that cheeseburger was great; too bad you couldn't taste the e-coli. Be careful when listening to those that you know are in error. Like Satan, they can make error sound very convincing. 🔍

Welcome to our services and thank you for visiting. If you have any questions about our beliefs or practices, please don't hesitate to ask.

God has not only commanded us to worship Him, but has also told us how, in His word. **The elements of our services, as prescribed by God's word, are as follows:**

- **SINGING:** Ephesians 5:18,19; Colossians 3:16
- **PREACHING/TEACHING:** Acts 2:42; Eph. 4:11,12
- **PRAYING:** Acts 2:42; Acts 12:5
- **LORD'S SUPPER:** 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; Acts 20:7
- **GIVING:** 1 Corinthians 16:1,2; 2 Corinthians 9:6,7



COME WORSHIP WITH US!

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY...9:00
SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP.....10:00
SUNDAY EVENING WORSHIP.....6:00
WEDNESDAY EVENING SERVICES....7:00

EVERYONE WELCOME!

- www.defendthegospel.com
- Weekly Article: Rutherford Reader
- 3rd Sunday Singing Practice: 5 pm
- 4th Sunday Singing Night: 6 pm
- Radio program on wgns. 15 minute sermon every Sunday morning from 10:45 - 11:00.
- 5th Sunday Men's Training Class, 4:30 pm. Prayer Service, 6 pm
- Men's Business Meeting. 1st Sunday evenings following services.



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"They...searched the scriptures daily..." –Acts 17:11

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ARE YOU HAPPY?

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A great deal of emphasis is placed upon happiness in our society. In fact, our Declaration of Independence states that "the pursuit of happiness" is an "inalienable right." But what about the details of that pursuit? Businesses insist we'll be happy if we buy their product. We seek happiness in relationships, and those relationships end either by death or other means. We seek happiness in work until we lose our ability to do so. We look for happiness in money, yet those with money ask "Is this all there is?" We seek happiness in health until we become ill. God wants us to be happy, and He tells us exactly how to pursue and attain it. Psalm 1 is a good place to go; it begins by saying "*Blessed (Happy) is the man...*" True happiness involves...

Parting. "*Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly...*" (vs 1). Peer pressure is tough, even among adults. That "Friend" tells to us "Go ahead and do it, it's fun, live a little, etc." Don't walk in that counsel! Part from that "Friend." "*Nor stands in the path of sinners...*" (vs 1). He excuses himself from their evil ways. Even though he knows he will miss a "Good time," he

is wise enough to realize that the pleasures of sin are passing (Hebrews 11:25), and that they ultimately bring shame and sorrow rather than satisfaction and happiness. "*Nor sits in the seat of the scornful...*" (vs 1). He realizes the foolishness of those who mock at God, and at sin; those who make fun of the idea of hell and eternity. He trusts in God and His promises, and thus finds happiness. He parts from sinners and their worldly wisdom and pursuits.

Pondering. "*But his delight is in the law of the Lord, and in His law he meditates day and night*" (vs 2). The happy man is such because he spends quality time with the word of God. The word "Meditate" literally means "Ponders by talking to himself." If a man would be happy, he will search the scriptures daily (Acts 17:11), live what he learns, and be blessed with peace and comfort.

Prospering. "*And whatever he does shall prosper*" (vs 3). A man will find joy and contentment in this life from serving God, but oh how he will prosper eternally! This is what it's all about, prospering eternally in heaven! One of our greatest spiritual blessings is our living hope (1 Peter 1:3). Be Happy! 🔍

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MISLEADING FEELINGS

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We often hear folks speak of how they “feel” they are saved. Even when speaking to those whom we know have not obeyed the gospel, we are told that they feel they are in God’s saving graces. They feel they have been redeemed. They feel they will go to heaven when they die. They have been deceived by some denominational error.

Only those who hear the Gospel, believe in Jesus as the Son of God, repent of their sins, confess their faith, get baptized for the remission of their sins, and remain faithful to the Lord will truly be saved, according to the Bible (Romans 10:17; Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38; Romans 10:9, 10; Acts 2:38; Acts 22:16; Revelation 2:10). Those who have done and are doing these things may not only feel they are saved, but they can know it (1 John 5:11-13).

But what of those who are relying solely upon their feelings for salvation? They have misleading feelings. Consider the Bible story found in Genesis 37. Joseph had been sold into slavery by his brothers. But the brothers had to give their father some sort of explanation as to what had happened to Joseph. Verses 31-34 tells us that “...they took Joseph's coat, and killed a kid of the goats, and dipped the coat in the blood; And they sent the coat of many colours, and they brought it to their father; and said, This have we found: know now whether it be thy son's coat or no. And he knew it, and

said, It is my son's coat; an evil beast hath devoured him; Joseph is without doubt rent in pieces. And Jacob rent his clothes, and put sackcloth upon his loins, and mourned for his son many days.”

Now, if anyone had asked Jacob if he felt his son was dead, he would have undoubtedly said yes! He was totally convinced of the “fact.” However, as he learned near the end of his life, his feelings were misleading; Joseph was indeed alive and well.

Before Paul became a Christian, he said, “Indeed, I myself thought I must do many things contrary to the name of Jesus of Nazareth” (Acts 26:9). If one would have asked Paul, while he was killing Christians, “Do you feel you are doing the right thing?” Paul would have definitely said “Yes!” For he had said he had lived his whole life with a good conscience before God (Acts 23:1). However, as we all know, Paul was wrong when he persecuted the Lord’s people.

Friends, your feelings are not to be relied upon when it comes to the eternal destiny of your soul. Feelings do not save, the Gospel does (Romans 1:16). And the Gospel teaches us that without obedience to God, we cannot be saved (Hebrews 5:8, 9). Don’t let your conscience steer you in the wrong direction. Don’t rely solely upon your feelings for salvation; because if you have not obeyed the Gospel, they are misleading feelings! 🔗

SERMON NOTES

Search the scriptures daily to see if these things are so.

STUDY DAILY!
Acts 17:11

Saul’s Unauthorized Works

Introduction:

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DUTY LIST...

SUNDAY MORNING

- Announcements.....Jason Hubbard
- Bible Reading by.....Robert Johnson
Reading: 1 Samuel 15:20-23
- Song Leader.....Tony Jenkins
- Opening Prayer.....Michael Pickford
- Lord’s Table:
Lead.....John Nelson
Serve.....Chris Meade
Serve.....Lynn Buttrey
- Closing Prayer.....Kenny Johnson

SUNDAY EVENING

- Song Leader.....Robert Johnson
- Lord’s Table.....John Nelson

WEDNESDAY EVENING

- Song Leader.....Kenny Johnson
- Invitation.....Ben Green

GOD’S PLAN OF SALVATION

There is only one true saving plan of Salvation outlined in Scripture. No substitutes will do. Have you really been saved? Get out your Bible and study the plan below.

- Hear The Gospel: Romans 10:17
- Believe: Mark 16:16; John 8:24
- Repent of Sin: Acts 2:38; Acts 17:30
- Confess Faith: Romans 10:9, 10
- Be Baptized: Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38; Acts 22:16; 1 Peter 3:21
- Remain Faithful: Rev. 2:10

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