



WEST COLUMBIA CHURCH OF CHRIST

“every disciple that is perfect shall be as his master.” Luke 6:40b

BELIEVING A LIE

Just after creation Satan deceived Eve into believing a lie. God had said, "Of the tree of knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die" (Genesis 2:17). But Satan told Eve, "You will not surely die" (Genesis 3:4). Ever since the creation mankind has been deceived by believing the lies of Satan.

We are warned to, "Let no one deceive you by any means" (2 Thessalonians 2:3). "But evil men and impostors will grow worse, deceiving and being deceived" (2 Timothy 3:13). How does Satan use people to deceive other people into believing his lies? "For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into apostles of Christ. And no wonder! For Satan himself transforms himself into an angel of light. Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also transform themselves into ministers of righteousness, whose end will be according to their works" (2 Corinthians 11:13-15).

A person who is deceived actually deceives himself into believing a lie. But we are warned, "Let no one deceive himself" (1 Corinthians 3:18). Jesus says, "And you shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free" (John 8:32). We must desire to know the truth or we will believe the lies of Satan. "Because they did not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved. And for this reason God will send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie, that they all may be condemned who did not believe the truth" (2 Thessalonians 2:10-12). Those who are deceived will lose their souls in eternity. This is such a great price to pay for believing a lie.

To keep from believing a lie we must do as those in Berea who "searched the scriptures daily to find out whether these things were so" (Acts 17:11). We must read, study, and follow what God's word says so, "That we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting" (Ephesians 4:14).

Satan doesn't care how much of God's word one believes, as long as he doesn't believe enough to be saved. Satan knows that at baptism one passes from an unsaved state to a saved state. This is where he has concentrated much of his effort in getting people to believe his lies. Some of his lies include infant baptism, sprinkling instead of immersion, and being saved before baptism by saying "the sinner's prayer".

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BE TRUE TO GOD ... NO IN BETWEEN IN 2014!

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SERMONS THIS SUNDAY:

AM: TJ BOLEN—What is Evangelism

PM: TJ BOLEN—God Will Provide The Lamb

“The like figure wherunto even baptism doth also now save us

(not the putting away of the filth of the flesh,

but the answer of a good conscience toward God,)

by the resurrection of Jesus Christ:” 1 Peter 3:21

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“PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER” - James 5:16

REMEMBER IN PRAYER: *Dorothy Gray and family, Pat Joyner, Gwen Pittman, Anna Porter, Judy Walker, also Richard Ramkinson, Wilson Burton.*

- Sister **Lisa Jenkins** was admitted to the VA hospital Thursday. No further word.
- Remember in your prayers, **Anna Porter** with a serious foot wound, and **Dorothy Gray** and **Margaret Gamble**, Jones' sister
- Doctors recommend **Pat Joyner** have surgery on her back to relieve pain.
- **Margaret Herring** is also having severe foot problems and is in much pain.
- Remember travelers we hope to have back soon: **Paula, Katie, Kelly** and **Adler Kennedy Rane Taylor**, and **Zamir** and **Dallas Gray, Faye** and **Chris Parks** and the **Mancuso family**.
- Remember also: **Hannibal Davis** in Marine Corps recruit training at Parris Island; **Gwen Pittman, Stephanie Rigney, Floyd Richbourg** and **Carolyn Stidham**.
- Remember to pray for and send cards to those we've not seen for awhile.
- Pray also that we all grow in **faith, hope, love, humility, zeal, mercy, knowledge.**

“Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.” - Romans 13:9

“AND THEY CONTINUED STEADFASTLY” - Acts 2:42

- **South Eastern Children's Home** Change Cans, 7/13—9/21, pick one up.
- **Bible study, Saturdays, 3pm, informal, bring friends and your Bible questions.**
- We need **volunteers** to take the DVD and the Lord's supper to our shut-ins.

"That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God" - Colossians 1:10

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Sun AM Sermon— *What is Evangelism* Outline:

Evangelism is a popular church word; do you know what it is & what it requires?

Evangelism is:

1. A Proclamation
2. Doing something with what you know about Jesus.
3. Doing something because you know Jesus.
4. A realization of the value God places on each soul.
5. How do I evangelize?

“I charge *thee* therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom; ²Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine. ³For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; ⁴And they shall turn away *their* ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables. ⁵But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry” - 2 Timothy 4:1-5

—BELIEVING A LIE (continued from page 1)

When a person is "baptized" as an infant, it does him no good and when he becomes accountable he becomes lost, but he thinks he is in a saved condition since his parents had him "baptized" as an infant. This is another lie of Satan. If a person is sprinkled instead of being baptized (immersed), it also does him no good and he is still lost since baptism is a burial (Romans 6:4). This again is a lie of Satan.

Satan has been successful in his efforts to redefine baptism in the minds of many people in getting them to believe that baptism is not essential to salvation even though the Lord says, "He that believes and is baptized shall be saved" (Mark 16:16). As a result people remain lost. Satan has also fooled people into believing that one does not need to "be baptized and wash away your sins" (Acts 22:16). As a result people still remain lost in their sins by believing the lies of Satan. To say that baptism is not essential to salvation is to deny and reject what Jesus says. Jesus says, "He who rejects Me and does not receive My words, has that which judges him, the word that I have spoken will judge him in the last day" (John 12:48). Satan has convinced people that all one needs to do is "accept Jesus as their personal saviour" and say "the sinner's prayer" to be saved. To do this Satan has people to handle "the word of God deceitfully" (2 Corinthians 4:2) and to "change the truth of God into a lie" (Romans 1:25).

Denominationalism and its doctrines gives people a false sense of security. Let's be careful and "Take heed that you not be deceived" (Luke 21:8) into believing any of the lies of Satan.

—Ron Boatwright, church of Christ, Conway, Arkansas

RESPONSIBILITY?

The other evening, as I was thinking of the many who shirk their responsibilities and try to shift them to someone or something else; the question came to mind: "Who carries the most important responsibility of all?" Is it the elder, preacher, policeman, mayor, president, the school principal, etc.,...or who?

The scriptures tell us in Titus 2 for the women to be keepers at home, to guide the house. She is spoken of in Proverbs as one who rises early, clothes and feeds her family, buys and sells a field...her hands are never idle. It has been said of yore that the "hand that rocks the cradle rules the world." Many a godly woman has reared her sons to be sound gospel preachers, song directors, elders, faithful men of God; and her daughters to be Christian mothers, dressing in chaste apparel, watching her manners, and to be in submission to her husband.

Yes, can there be anyone with more responsibility and influence for good than a truly godly woman? Therefore, let the older women teach the younger women that they may learn to teach their children, love their husbands, and guide their homes as God would have them, knowing that one day we must all give an account to God for the deeds done while on earth.

—Walter M. Bishop, Elder East End church of Christ, McMinnville, TN

“She openeth her mouth with wisdom; and in her tongue is the law of kindness.”

- Proverbs 31:26