

Gaslighting by Satan

We often hear the term “gaslight” referring to someone’s political speech, moral matters, theological ideas, or point of view. To gaslight is means to induce someone to question their sanity and grasp of reality by manipulating his or her perceptions.

Those who “gaslight” use propaganda, logical fallacies, and half truths to convince those they suppose are gullible to believe their agenda. They may rig the evidence by means of polls or tricks. Let’s remember the devil is full of strategic tricks in order to lie and deceive people (John 8:44; Ephesians 4:14; 2 Corinthians 11:3, 13-14). Satan constantly battles against God’s people (Ephesians 6:10-13).

Some study Bibles are filled with the gaslighting of false doctrines that make it seem baptism (the immersion of a penitent and believing adult) isn’t necessary to salvation when Scripture says plainly, baptism is necessary. Some study Bibles and popular evangelists say Jesus will return to the earth to reign for a thousand years. Yet the New Testament never teaches that. When He returns, we will meet Him in the air (1 Thess. 4:13-19) and the earth will be destroyed (2 Peter 3). Jesus is already reigning and has all power and authority (Matthew 28:18). He is Lord now.

The popular notion of gender-swapping denies the Scripture and reality in biology (Genesis 1:26-27). A baby in women’s womb is in her body, but the DNA says it is not her body.

The popular doctrine of “faith only,” citing John 3:16 and Romans 10:9-10, ignores many other passages (John 3:5 and 3:36) and doesn’t tell the whole truth. John 3:16 says nothing about our needing to love God (1 Corinthians 16:22), about needing to repent (Luke 13:3), or about obedience and baptism (John 3:5, 36; 8:51; Romans 6:1-18).

Just because a great number of people believe a certain doctrine does not make it biblical and acceptable in God’s sight. We must continue to study the Word of God to find the whole truth, not cherry pick ideas to the neglect of other important passages.

- Philip Sanders, Edmond, OK (*Bulletin Digest*) -

The greatest homage we can pay to truth is to use it - Emerson

News & Notes

BABY SHOWER: for Sarah Hill, TODAY, 2:00-4:00 p.m. at the Fellowship Building. Sarah is expecting twin girls.

DISASTER RELIEF EFFORT: Monetary donations will be accepted until **Sunday, Nov. 3rd** to help support this work. Make checks out to the church (memo marked for Disaster Relief), or put cash in an envelope separate from your regular Sunday contribution. Give to any of our Elders.

CONVERT’S CLASS: Each Thursday at 11:00 a.m. Open to all.

LADIES INSPIRATION DAY: Saturday, Nov. 2nd at the Hanoverton Church of Christ. **Registration & breakfast samples, 9:30-10:00 a.m. Program, 10:00 a.m. to noon.** Topic: “A Shoe-In for Heaven!” Speaker: Angela Marshall of the Hanoverton congregation. Take a new or a gently-used pair of women’s shoes for donation to the women’s shelter in Alliance. Lunch provided. Additional details on the bulletin board.

MEN’S DAY: Saturday, Nov. 2nd at Steelton Church of Christ. **Continental breakfast & registration, 8:00 a.m. Program, 9:00 a.m. to noon** with lunch to follow. Topic: “Men of Faithfulness.” Speakers: Steve Stevens, Rod Goddard, Cedric Goddard. Additional details on the bulletin board.

LUBECK YOUTH RALLY, Saturday, Nov. 16th, 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. at the Lubeck Church of Christ, Washington, WV. Free. All ages invited. Speaker: Peter Ray Cole. Lunch provided. **RSVP requested by Nov. 6th.** Additional details on the bulletin board.

PANTRY: Apple sauce.

SICK & SHUT-IN: Orchards Rehab Suites, East Liverpool: Bob McMahan. **At Home:** John & Sharon Sprout, Scharlotte Jones Docie Moore, David & Becky McKitrick, Dean Spencer, Harry Huff, Peggy Linger, Nancy Cox, Barbara DeLong, Cheryl Renfro Walker. **Fox-Chester:** Audrey Geer, Janice Hutchins, Mary Johnson. **Elsewhere:** **Carolyn Carbone**, 103 Orange Blossom Lane, Ranson, WV 25438. **Herman McHan**, 7401 Elmwood Dr., Lisbon, OH 44432.

Gospel Meetings

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| Lake Milton, OH..... | Oct. 18-20..... | Ed Melott & David Deagel |
| WVSOP Lectures, Moundsville | Oct. 20-24..... | Different Speakers |
| Lubeck, Washington, WV | Oct. 21-24..... | Glenn Colley |
| CHESTER | Nov. 3- 7 | Hiram Kemp |
| Steelton..... | Nov. 3- 7 | Terry Jones |

(Additional details on the Bulletin Board)