

False Doctrine

I read the story where one little boy misunderstood the word the teacher was using in class. When the teacher asked, "What is a false doctrine?" the little boy answered, "False doctoring is when a doctor gives the wrong stuff to sick folks."

That answer is just about right on target for religion, too. Men and women are sick with the disease of sin. When someone gives them the wrong medicine for this disease, we call it false doctrine. There is only one power to get rid of sin. It is the gospel (Romans 1:16).

When the people on the day of Pentecost wanted to know what to do to get rid of their sin, they were told to "*Repent and be baptized for the forgiveness of sins.*" (Acts 2:38).

Any cure advanced which does not reflect what is said by inspiration is the wrong cure. In other words, it is false doctrine. The sick need a physician, but not one who gives the wrong remedy. This is why Jesus Christ, the Great Physician, is the best one to rely on when we are sin sick.

- Max Patterson, via *The World Evangelist* (no longer in publication) -

Characteristics of God's Word

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Jesus Christ prayed to His Father, "*Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth*" (John 17:17). Simply put, God's word is truth. The Bible is trustworthy. The psalmist who wrote Psalm 119 placed his complete trust in the word of God. We ought to do the same. Here are a few characteristics of God's word as described by the psalmist.

First, the word of God is forever settled. Contrast this with the word of man. The psalmist wrote, "*For ever, O Lord, thy word is settled in heaven*" (Psalm 119:89). His word is firmly fixed. Remember what the apostle Paul wrote: "*Faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God*" (Romans 10:17).

Second, the word of God is a lamp. In this world of sin and darkness, how can we know the way of salvation? The psalmist wrote, "*Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path*" (Psalm 119:105). By studying the Holy Scriptures and carefully directing our lives accordingly, we will walk as God would have us to walk. David wrote, "*The Lord is my light and my salvation*" (Psalm 27:1), "*O send out thy light and thy truth: let them lead me*" (Psalm 43:3), "*The entrance of thy words giveth light; it giveth understanding unto the simple*" (Psalm 119:130).

Third, the word of God is pure. Far too many things in this world are tainted with sin, but not the inspired word of God. The psalmist wrote, "*Thy word is very pure: therefore thy servant loveth it*" (Psalm 119:140). It is the word that is able to save our souls (James 1:21).

Fourth, the word is true. We recognize that many lie and deceive. However, "*God, that cannot lie*" (Titus 1:2). The psalmist wrote, "*Thy word is true from the beginning: and every one of thy righteous judgments endureth for ever*" (Psalm 119:160). The entirety of God's word is truth and forever will be the truth.

Christians believe the Bible. As Christians, we are guided by the light of the word which is settled, pure, and true. Jesus said that "*the scripture cannot be broken*" (John 10:35). Be resolved today to be guided by God's word.

- House to House/Heart to Heart (3/08) -

The Bread of Life never goes stale.

News & Notes

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES: Sunday Worship, 10:30 a.m., 5:30 p.m., and Wednesday, 7:00 p.m. The Covid-19 restrictions apply (masks & distancing).

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY: Each Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.

NORTH CENTRAL OHIO BIBLE LECTURESHIP: Concludes this evening in Lorain, OH with Bro. Rico to present the lesson.

POTTERS CHILDREN'S HOME: Monetary donations are being collected until the end of August to help this worthy cause. Give your donation to one of the Elders or Bro. Rico. The church here will match the total donations.

SPECIAL MEMORIAL SERVICE: For Bro. Charles Aebi on Saturday, Sept. 4th, 11: a.m. at the Barlow Vincent Church of Christ, Vincent, OH. Bro. Aebi preached here several times as a fill-in and at some of our Senior Days. He and his wife, Imogene endeared themselves to many in this congregation. Bro. Aebi passed into eternity last December. See announcement about the Memorial Service on the bulletin board. Phone: (740) 678-2309.

PANTRY: Face soap and dish detergent.

PICTURE GALLERY OF PAST MEMBERS: Submit pictures (black and white or color) to David Malcomson to be displayed as a visual history of the church here.

SICK & SHUT-IN: THE ORCHARDS of EAST LIVERPOOL (rehab): Jim Hadley. AT HOME: Marilyn Miller, Barb DeLong, David McCoy, Marlene Evans, Russell Martin, Emma Rine, Alex Harless, Rick Beck. CALCUTTA HEALTH CARE: Sarah Miller (Room 6). VALLEY OAKS CARE CENTER: Fred Larriamore (Room 210). IN FLORIDA: Ilene Rayl.

I May Never See Tomorrow

I may never see tomorrow, there's no guarantee,

And things that happened yesterday belong in history.

I can't predict the future, I can't change the past,

I have just the present memories to treat as my last.

I must use this moment wisely, for soon it will pass away,

And be lost forever as a part of yesterday.

I must exercise compassion, help the fallen to their feet,

Be a friend unto the friendless, make their life complete.

The unkind things I do today, may never be undone,

And friendships that I fail to win, may never more be won.

I may not have another chance on bended knees to pray,

And I thank God with humble heart for giving me this day!

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Take As Directed:

1. Daily Bible study and prayer for guidance and strength.
2. Worship every time the church comes together.

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