

ANNOUNCEMENTS

JUNE 27, 2010

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Ruddard, Donnie Bryant, Joshua Jackson, Beverly & Amanda Gurganus

AM SERMON - BEN WRIGHT - WHY IS DILIGENCE SO IMPORTANT?

PM SERMON - BEN WRIGHT - WHAT IS CONSERVATISM?

GOSPEL MEETING AT DOUBLE SPRINGS, JUNE 27-JULY 2

VBS AT BLACKWATER, JUNE 27-JULY 1

SEE GENE OR LINDA FOR BIBLE CORRESPONDENCE COURSES

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TIMES OF SERVICES

SUNDAY MORNING

BIBLE CLASS 9:30

WORSHIP 10:20

SUNDAY EVENING 5:00

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY 7:00

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**WHY IS DILIGENCE SO IMPORTANT?
(Hebrews 11:6)**

I. The worst _____ God can be offered.

- A. Indifference, or we can call it apathy or complacency, or even _____ in that we care about God less than we give the appearance of caring.
- B. We must remember how Jesus promises to treat the _____ (Revelation 3:15-16).
- C. The only way to avoid this disrespect of God is by seeking Him more _____.
- D. How can we do that?
 - 1. Be _____ in our efforts.
 - 2. Understand the _____ of the situation.
 - 3. Be _____ in our efforts for Him.
 - 4. Do what we do for God with _____, not half-heartedly.
 - 5. Give our _____ to the work of the church.
 - 6. Be _____ in our efforts (Galatians 6:9).
 - 7. _____ God and man as we should (1 Corinthians 13:1-3).

II. The two basic _____ of diligence.

- A. We must seek God with _____ of spirit.
 - 1. Our desire for God should be labeled a _____ and _____ (Matthew 5:6).
 - 2. Notice the Psalmist's _____ for God (Psalm 42:1-2).
- B. We must seek God _____.
 - 1. We do this in two different senses.
 - a. Faithful in the sense of _____ (John 4:24).
 - (1) _____ The God who truly exists must be sought and He has the prerogative to

determine how He is to be _____.

(2) Leviticus 10:3.

b. Faithful in the sense of love - with no
_____ loves.

(1) James 4:4.

(2) Mark 12:30.

2. We seek God with single-mindedness,
wholeheartedness and with a _____ heart.

III. The difference that seeking God will make in our _____ lives.

A. We will have a greater _____ for good on other people.

1. Ezekiel 36:23.

2. Matthew 5:16.

B. The great feeling of _____ that will come over us knowing that
we are finally doing what is right toward God.

C. The great _____ that comes from taking part in the greatest
adventure of all: walking by faith.

THE FAITH THAT SAVES

Mark Lindley

The Bible teaches very clearly that salvation is by faith. "Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ" (Romans 5:1). Peter affirmed that God had saved certain Gentiles in that He purified "their hearts by faith" (Acts 15:9). Other verses could be cited, but these are sufficient to prove that salvation is obtained through the avenue of faith.

However, there is much confusion regarding the "type" of faith that saves. Many today believe and teach that salvation is by "faith only." By "faith only," they mean that a lost sinner can obtain salvation by faith without doing any "works" and without performing any act of obedience. In other words, according to the doctrine, salvation is by faith only "plus nothing."

This idea reveals a fundamental misunderstanding about the type of faith that saves. In a broad, basic sense there are two types of faith--living faith and dead faith. James describes dead faith in James chapter 2: "Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone" (verse 17). "But wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith

without works is dead?” (verse 20). Therefore, if one is saved by faith only “plus nothing,” then one is saved by a dead faith. Is it really possible for one to be saved by a dead faith? James answers the question. “Ye see then how that by works a man is justified, and not by faith only” (James 2:24). Language could not be clearer--salvation is “not by faith only”!

The fact is that true, biblical faith involves obedience. This can be established in a number of ways. First, the Greek word *pisteuo* which is translated “believeth” in John 3:16, means conviction that is “conjoined with obedience” (Thayer’s Greek-English Lexicon, p. 511). Therefore, all the verses of the New Testament which teach that salvation is by faith also teach the need to obey the Lord since obedience is included in true, Biblical faith. Second, great examples of faith in Hebrews chapter 11 show the connection between faith and obedience: Abel “offered” (verse 4), Noah “prepared” an ark (verse 7), and Abraham “obeyed” (verse 8). Yet, these three verses teach that the men acted “by faith.” Their faith led them to “obey”!

Yes, salvation is obtained through faith, but we need to understand that the faith that saves is the faith that obeys. Jesus said, “Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven” (Matthew 7:21).