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TELLING OTHERS THEY ARE WRONG

So you think it is right to tell another person they are wrong in their religious beliefs? Before we answer that, let us consider another question - do you think it is right to tell a person they are wrong about anything? Not too long ago I was driving down a one-way street. Someone attempted to turn the wrong way into my lane. Should I mention the sign to them that directed traffic in the way opposed to them? Should we correct anyone who is in danger of doing harm to themselves or others?

Now, in all the cases mentioned most of us would say we ought to go ahead and tell them a mistake has been made, or is about to be made. Why?? Because to resist telling them would be to allow them to do something that would put both our life and theirs in danger.

But when we come to religion we want to view things differently. We don't want to disturb their peace of mind by suggesting they might be mistaken. And we probably don't want them to tell us of our own error. Why the change in attitude? Is not the soul as important as the ease of life? Are we not as interested in believing and practicing the right thing in religion as we are in driving the correct way?

Paul told Timothy to "reprove, rebuke, exhort..." (2 Tim. 4:2). To reprove and rebuke means to tell folks they are wrong. It means to point out error and correct it. And Paul was talking about matters of a religious nature. This was to be done with patience and with teaching of the Bible, but it was to be done! If Timothy was to be a good servant of the Lord there would be times when he would have to say to someone, "You are WRONG."

Would they like it? Probably not. But it had to be done anyway. The Lord says so. If it is for their own good. This is why people should be of the disposition to consider what another has to say in spiritual matters. "Reprove not a scoffer, lest he hate you: Reprove a wise man, and he will love you" (Prov. 9:8).

There is only one way to heaven (John 14:6). There is only one power of God unto salvation (Romans 1:16). There is only one faith (Eph. 4:5). Do you want to please God?

Bulletin Board



AM Lesson - Jack - "Spiritual Boomerangs"
PM Lesson - Steve - "Buildings Marriages
that Last - A Husband's Obligation to His
Wife".

NEWS AND NOTES: Curby should be home by now from the hospital. He had an infection of some sort, perhaps pneumonia, but is doing much better. Anna continues with severe abdominal pain. Keep these in your prayers. A new one for our prayer list. Pat Butler's brother has been diagnosed with colon cancer. It's a shock to the family. Don't know how severe just yet. Please pray for him/them. Dee Boyd is recovering from a fall last week. No serious damage, but she is sore and bruised.

Several still out of town. Greg and Mechelle are due back from a week long trip. I think the Phariss family is gone. Muffy is in Tampa seeing her girls off to college. LaDonna Miles is there also with Ashley. Most of the Clanton's are in Temple today. Martin, Wendy and girls are in Destin, Fl. There are probably several others. Pray for a safe journey.

We welcome Ryan and Sarah Renz to our number. They have been with us for a couple of weeks now. Sure glad to count them as members here. They live at 8222 Kingsbrook Rd. #339, Houston, 77024. Phone # 903-521-2798 and 979-422-5702. email: rtrenz2007@gmail.com and stewart921@gmail.com

BROAD-MINDEDNESS?

There is no room for broad-mindedness in the chemical lab. Water is composed of two parts hydrogen and one part oxygen. The slightest deviation from that formula is forbidden.

There is no room for broad-mindedness in the math classroom. Neither geometry, calculus nor trigonometry allows any variation from exact accuracy, even for old times sake. The solution of the problem is either right or it is wrong.

There is no room for broad-mindedness in biology. One varying result out of a thousand experiments will invalidate an entire theory.

There is no room for broad-mindedness on the athletic field. The game is to be played according to the rules with no favors shown for "charity's sake."

There is no room for broad-mindedness in the garage. The mechanic won't substitute pistons from one engine for another of different dimensions. Even between friends there cannot be any variation if the motor is to run smoothly.

Then how shall we expect that broad-mindedness shall rule in the realm of Christianity and morals? He that forsakes the Truth of God, forsakes the God of Truth.

Assignments for today Sunday, August 18, 2013

Morning Service

Announcements.....Bob Ward
Hymn Director.....Michael Robinson
Scripture Reading.....Matt. 27:25-31
Scripture Reader...Chad Smith
Opening Prayer.....Alex Morolez
Closing Prayer.....Bob Ward

Evening Service

Hymn Director.....Steve Garrett
Opening Prayer.....Kris Hester
Closing Prayer.....Bob Ward

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Schedule of Services

Sunday:

9:30 AM Worship
11:00 AM Bible study
5:00 PM Worship

Wednesday:

7:30 PM Study and Devotional
Minister and editor
Jack Smith and Steve Garrett

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