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OUR MEETING TIMES:

Sunday Bible Class: 9:45 AM
Sunday Worship: 10:55 AM

Are You Visiting With Us?

If you are visiting with us, we want to welcome you to the Lord's church (Matthew 16:18 and Colossians 1:18). Our goal is to simply get to Heaven and to help you do the same. We use the Bible as our standard to govern what we do in our work and worship for the Lord (Colossians 3:17, II Timothy 1:13, II Timothy 3:16-17, and I Peter 4:11).

We welcome your questions and would love the opportunity to study further with you. Luke recorded a fascinating statement we all need to consider: "Then said one unto him, Lord, are there few that be saved? And he said unto them, strive to enter in at the strait gate: for many, I say unto you, will seek to enter in, and shall not be able" (Luke 13:23-24). We invite you to join us in being one of the few that are saved!

"But In Vain They Do Worship Me"

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A couple of months ago a man wrote me and said (speaking of he and his wife): "I also observed we have been worshipping in error since the day we were baptized" (May 8th, 2009). In that same email he said: "I am convinced that if things don't change, I will have to withdraw from the congregation _____ (his wife's name has been removed in hopes they will repent and then marking them would not be proper; B.A.Y.) is not convinced that is necessary, at least, not at this point. **If** and when I withdraw myself, there will be no place for me to worship..." (May 8th, 2009).

The mindset above is prevalent in many I have met over the years. There is this almost arrogant idea that you can worship in error and it be pleasing to God. Notice, as the title of this article shows, that worship in error is VAIN [empty; worthless] worship: "Then came to Jesus scribes and Pharisees, which were of Jerusalem, saying, Why do thy disciples transgress the tradition of the elders? for they wash not their hands when they eat bread. But he answered and said unto them, Why do ye also transgress the commandment of God by your tradition? For God commanded, saying, Honour thy father and mother: and, He that curseth father or mother, let him die the death. But ye say, Whosoever shall say to his father or his mother, It is a gift, by whatsoever thou mightest be profited by me; And honour not his father or his mother, he shall be free. Thus have ye made the commandment of God of none effect by your tradition. Ye hypocrites, well did Esaias prophesy of you, saying, This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honoureth me with their lips; but their heart is far from me. But in vain they do worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men" (Matthew 15:1-9).

Shouldn't I be able to end this article now? Shouldn't our "brethren" see that worship with those in error is not acceptable to God? YES, this should be enough. However, some try to find some loophole in the truth to keep sitting in the pew among the enemies of Christ (Daniel 9:5; 11 and Philippians 3:18-19).

What Does God Say About Your Unity In Diversity – Worship With Whomever You Want Garbage?

📖 *“Now therefore make confession unto the LORD God of your fathers, and do his pleasure: and separate yourselves from the people of the land, and from the strange wives”* (Ezra 10:11).

📖 *“Depart from me, ye evildoers: for I will keep the commandments of my God”* (Psalms 119:115).

📖 *“The highway of the upright is to depart from evil: he that keepeth his way preserveth his soul”* (Proverbs 16:17).

📖 *“Cease, my son, to hear the instruction that causeth to err from the words of knowledge”* (Proverbs 19:27).

📖 *“Thus saith the LORD of hosts, Hearken not unto the words of the prophets that prophesy unto you: they make you vain: they speak a vision of their own heart, and not out of the mouth of the LORD”* (Jeremiah 23:16).

📖 *“Ephraim is joined to idols: let him alone”* (Hosea 4:17).

📖 *“In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, when ye are gathered together, and my spirit, with the power of our Lord Jesus Christ, To deliver such an one unto Satan for the destruction of the flesh, that the spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus. Your glorying is not good. Know ye not that a little leaven leaveneth the whole lump? Purge out therefore the old leaven, that ye may be a new lump, as ye are unleavened. For even Christ our passover is sacrificed for us: Therefore let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, neither with the leaven of malice and wickedness; but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth”* (I Corinthians 5:4-8).

📖 *“Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ”* (Colossians 2:8).

📖 *“Let no man beguile you of your reward in a voluntary humility and worshipping of angels, intruding into those things which he hath not seen, vainly puffed up by his fleshly mind, And not holding the Head, from which all the body by joints and bands having nourishment ministered, and knit together, increaseth with the increase of God. Wherefore if ye be dead with Christ from the rudiments of the world, why, as though living in the world, are ye subject to ordinances, (Touch not; taste not; handle not; Which all are to perish with the using;) after the commandments and doctrines of men? Which things have indeed a shew of wisdom in will worship, and humility, and neglecting of the body; not in any honour to the satisfying of the flesh”* (Colossians 2:18-23).

📖 *“Now we command you, brethren, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye withdraw yourselves from every brother that walketh disorderly, and not after the tradition which he received of us”* (II Thessalonians 3:6).

📖 *“And if any man obey not our word by this epistle, note that man, and have no company with him, that he may be ashamed”* (II Thessalonians 3:14).

📖 *“A man that is an heretick after the first and second admonition reject; Knowing that he that is such is subverted, and sinneth, being condemned of himself”* (Titus 3:10-11).

📖 *“Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son. If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into your house, neither bid him God speed: For he that biddeth him God speed is partaker of his evil deeds”* (II John 9-11).

Conclusion

Space has limited the many more Scriptures we could have cited in this article. The fact is, you cannot serve God while in error (by fellowship with or practicing such on your own). Read these carefully and understand God’s will: II Kings 18:11-12, II Chronicles 7:12-20, Psalms 26:4-6, Psalms 34:14, Psalms 37:27, Proverbs 1:10-16, Proverbs 3:7, Proverbs 13:20, Proverbs 16:6, Isaiah 1:10-17, Isaiah 3:12, Isaiah 9:16, Isaiah 59:1-2, Jeremiah 15:17, Jeremiah 23:32, Amos 2:4, Matthew 10:14, Matthew 12:30, Matthew 15:14, Mark 7:1-9, I Corinthians 1:10, I Corinthians 15:33, II Corinthians 6:14-18, Ephesians 5:1-11, II Timothy 2:19, James 1:16, James 2:10, II Peter 3:10-14, I John 1:3-7, and Revelation 2:12-29.

What must one do to be saved (Acts 2:37)? Hear and believe the Gospel (Mark 16:15-16 & Romans 10:17), repent of their sins (Acts 3:19), confess Christ (Acts 8:37), and be baptized (immersed) for the remission of sins into the church of Christ (Acts 2:38-41; 47, I Corinthians 12:12-13, and Romans 6:1-6; 16:16). One must then remain faithful (Colossians 1:23).