

A WORD ON WORSHIP

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Galatians 2:16

... a man is not justified by the works of the Law but through faith in Christ Jesus.



Often we think that by doing something good we will please God in some way for our personal benefit. Our thought is that we can do something that we consider good and that it will also fall into God's category of good. Most of the time, we hope that it will result in what we want to accomplish, whether it pleases God or not. In other words, our desire is not primarily to please God, but to get what we want. It may not be something evil, just not focused on God. It may be hypocritical or selfish or designed to draw attention to ourselves and we wonder why our prayers are not answered. Surely God has our interests at heart.

Take Lent, for example. What are we giving up, something evil? Then why don't we give it up for the rest of our lives? Is it something that we consider needful, a sacrifice, to show God that we depend on Him to supply? Then why don't we depend on Him to supply all the time? The point is, are we trying to please God or impress someone else of our piety? God knows our heart and He's not impressed.

Are we trying to work our way into Heaven with our good works? Do you realize that God says in His Word that we are on the wrong track? Our motives are corrupt. Whether you take it from the Psalms 14:1-3 or Romans 3:10-12, the truth about our works of self righteousness remains the same. Everything we generate from our own thinking is tainted in some way, and ultimately falls short when it comes to His righteousness or goodness (Romans 3:23). But He has a fix for this dilemma.

Did you ever give any thought as to why Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of the Almighty God had to go through all that torture and shame and death? Because in God's way of thinking, there was no other way! Jesus Christ was the perfect sacrifice, as a human, for our sin because He was without sin. Because Jesus Christ was without sin He satisfied the requirement of a Holy God to pay the just consequence for our sin. The only thing He requires from us is to believe that to be true and place our trust in what Christ did, not in anything we can do. He then places His Spirit within us to inspire us to do things that are truly good. Then getting into Heaven is no longer an issue because of Christ's sacrifice on the cross. But our works, whether good or not so good, testify of our relationship to Him and can affect how we live there.

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Join the Flock at Sunday School!

Hymn of the Week

Let the Lower Lights Be Burning

<http://www.hymntime.com/tch/htm/l/e/t/letlower.htm>

Words: Philip P. Bliss, The Charm, 1871.

Music: Ithaca, Philip P. Bliss, 1871

Brightly beams our Father's mercy
from His lighthouse evermore,
But to us He gives the keeping of
the lights along the shore.
Let the lower lights be burning!
Send a gleam across the wave!
For to us He gives the keeping of
the lights along the shore.

or

Some poor struggling, sinking
sailor you may rescue, you
may save.

Dark the night of sin has settled,
loud the angry billows roar;
Eager eyes are watching, longing,
for the lights, along the shore.
Let the lower lights be burning!
Send a gleam across the wave!
Eager eyes are watching, longing,
for the lights, along the shore.

Trim your feeble lamp, my brother,
some poor sailor tempest
tossed,

Trying now to make the harbor, in
the darkness may be lost.

Let the lower lights be burning!

Send a gleam across the wave!

Trying now to make the harbor,
some poor sailor may be lost.



Invite a Neighbor to Church

SEE YOU SUNDAY AT SUNRISE

What's Happening at Sunrise

May 2013

- May 19 8:45 a.m. Elder Ken McAuley Teaching
Galatians 2:16
- 10:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School
- May 21 7:00 p.m. Bible Study in Ephesians
- May 24 6:30 p.m. Friday Night Fellowship
- May 26 8:45 a.m. Mark 14:26-42 The Essence of Hell
Pastor Andy teaching
- 10:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School
- May 27 Memorial Day
- May 28 7:00 p.m. Bible Study in Ephesians
- May 31 5th Friday Night – Church is Dark

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Rally to rescue Boy Scouts took place Friday

[HTTP://WWW.ONENESSNOW.COM/CULTURE](http://www.onenewsnow.com/culture)

Parents took a stand Friday, May 17, against the Boy Scouts proposal to admit homosexuals as members. Adults – even those who don't have children who are part of the Boy Scouts program – are being asked to participate in rallies staged today at local Scout councils in 40 cities.

John Stemberger heads OnMyHonor.net, which opposes the proposed change. He has noted that many parents of current Scouts are alarmed to realize that with this policy change, their sons could be on campouts where they would have to share the same tent with homosexuals.

"They are not doing what's in the best interest of the child at all," Stemberger adds. "In fact, they are well aware that this is going to increase boy-on-boy contact, and it's just outrageous that they're going forward with this."

"It really is a shocking thing. They're caving to the pressure from gay activists and they're trying to find a compromise policy that somehow is going to persuade everyone, and it's just really a shame."

Stemberger points to an estimate that the Boy Scouts will lose at least 400,000 members, as well as many dedicated Scout leaders, if it decides to permit homosexual boys in its ranks.

"This is our brief window to rescue this amazing jewel of American culture that has raised so many boys and turned them into responsible men," he urges.

BSA leadership is slated to vote on the proposal next Thursday in Texas at its National Annual Meeting.



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