

“Search the Scriptures ... they testify of Me”

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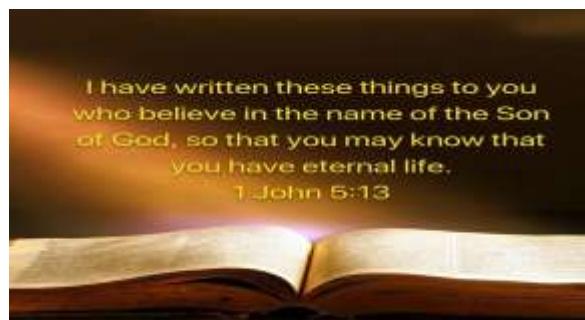
From his article “How to be a Soul Winner” can be read it by going to:
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“Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me.” John 5:39

Our evangelistic responsibility is to point lost sheep to the Great Shepherd, Jesus Christ. We cannot measure to this responsibility without becoming intimately acquainted with the Shepherd, and we cannot know Jesus as we ought to know Him apart from a diligent study of His word. But the Hardshell Baptist with missionary church membership, objects, saying, “I do not know who the lost sheep are, how can I witness to them?” Well, neither did Paul know who they were, but this lack of identity did not deter him for a moment in his determination to publicly proclaim the whole counsel of God. “And when the Gentiles heard this (Paul’s witness of the word of God, vs. 44) they were glad, and glorified the word of the Lord, and as many as were ordained to eternal life believed.” (Acts 13:48) Paul did not know who in this company of Gentiles was foreordained of God to eternal life, but he did know, that God’s word would not return unto Him void. Our responsibility is to proclaim the gospel indiscriminately. It is God’s responsibility to quicken those for whom Jesus died.

To win souls one must know what the Scriptures teach. Mere ability to quote Scripture is not the only qualification a person needs to be a fisher of men. I once knew an Arminian who could quote chapters of the Bible, but knew absolutely nothing of what they taught. But worse yet is the Arminian who can quote a few verses of Scripture, and has a malformed notion of what they teach. It is in this last category most Arminians fit. Most are shut up to John 3:16, 5:24 and a few verses from Romans 3 and 10. Their exegesis of these texts would do more to cause John Wesley (if he were alive) to revamp his theology than all the efforts George Whitefield put forth to recover his friend from his God debasing Arminianism.

Arminianism makes truth secondary to the Sunday School head count, and laboring under the perverted notion that the end justifies the means have filled their churches with those who are yet strangers to God’s grace.



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From the Pastor's Desk

“Do not seek personal inventions.”

By Pastor Randy Johnson

Ecclesiastes 7:29 “*Lo, this only have I found, that God hath made man upright; but they have sought out many inventions.*”

God created both Adam and Eve upright or “right in His eyes”. This is the state that God wants His people, He wants us to hear His voice in the scriptures and obey His command. God did not create Adam and Eve to sin, but He also did not create them immutable. God made them with the ability to sin because it was His ordained will that they fall. Before the foundation of the world God had already elected a remnant of souls to save, God had already ordained a Saviour for this remnant, and God had already given this remnant to His Son, all before He even created the world. John 17:6 It was Adam and Eve that “*have sought out many inventions.*” Vines defines this, this way (translated “engines,” i.e. devices, ways of going astray and deviating from original righteousness.” Apparently, Adam and Eve were not satisfied with what God had given them, because they elected to disobey God by looking beyond what God had blessed them with. Since this event mankind has never obeyed God, even Christians saved by God’s grace disobey God and the reason is we are always looking beyond God “seeking out our own inventions”. We, as mankind and as God’s blessed children have a hard time understanding that obeying God’s commandments delivers blessings. For example, if Adam and Eve had never listened to Satan and sought out their own inventions, they would still be alive, living in the garden and the world would be heaven on earth. But they sinned and God did as He promised, they died spiritually, and started dying physically. Our problem as an offspring of them is we are just like them, always looking beyond the gifts of God. God promised that if we followed His commandments His blessing would follow. Listen to His conversation to Moses about the bitter water, Exodus 15:26 “*And said, If thou wilt diligently hearken to the voice of the LORD thy God, and wilt do that which is right in his sight, and wilt give ear to his commandments, and keep all his statutes, I will put none of these diseases upon thee, which I have brought upon the Egyptians: for I am the LORD that healeth thee.*” God’s promise, not just to Moses and Israel, but to us also, just stop seeking inventions and follow God’s word to the letter and His blessing are ours. But look at History, God blessed the children of Seth and then this

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happened, “*That the sons of God saw the daughters of men that they were fair; and they took them wives of all which they chose.*” Genesis 6:2 The “sons of God” were the descendants of Seth, the daughters of men were the descendants of Cain. Once they mixed, we see nothing but sin, “*And GOD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. And it repented the LORD that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart.*” Genesis 6:5,6 Sin delivers punishment, even with Christians we are “chastened, and chastised” by God Himself because of our own inventions. God said, “*But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed.*” James 1:14 and in Galatians 5:16 “*This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh.*” Never look beyond the scripture, never lust, never want more than God gives, and always obey God’s every commandment and God’s blessings are yours. But our flesh sometimes is uncontrollable. We always want more and that is what gets us into trouble with the Lord. Adam and Eve wanted more, the sons of God wanted more, the Israelites wanted more, and we as Christian want more. The Apostle Paul wrote these words, “*Not that I speak in respect of want: for I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content.*” Philippians 4:11 Paul said he had to learn, “*in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content.*” He is saying, whatever God has given me, in life I am now content. He learned not to push for more, not to seek his own inventions. Always remember these words, “*And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work:*” 2 Corinthians 9:8

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