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Pastor's thought for the week.

Search the Scriptures, in them you will find the TRUTH!

"And ye have not his word abiding in you: for whom he hath sent, him ye believe not. Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me." John 5:38 – 39

God is the author of the Holy Scriptures; man was simply the writers as the Holy Spirit inspired. Paul wrote to Timothy these words, **"All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works."** 2 Timothy 3:16 – 17 The only way we can trust the bible is if it is 100% breathed by the Holy Spirit, men do not know anything about God except what God has shown them. The problem in the world of "Christian Religion" is that people believe man rather than God, it only by searching God's Holy Script that you will find the absolute truth. It does no good if you search the scriptures with a bias heart, the scriptures must be searched with an open unbiased heart. There is nothing more important to anyone in this world than the salvation of your soul, nothing! Salvation is the single most important doctrine, because if you do not get it right you will go to hell when you die. It doesn't matter how you were raised, what you have been taught all your life, it doesn't matter what you believe, it doesn't matter what men teach, all that matters is if you believe the biblical truth about salvation. Everything scripturally begins with salvation, not just salvation but true salvation. **"But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you."** Matthew 6:33 You will not have God's truth in you if you're not God's child first, it is only after salvation you will understand the truth of the scriptures. The scriptures are a revelation and to the unsaved it is a confusion to their understanding. The unsaved understands humanism thus everything is accomplished within a person, humanism recognizes the will and power of the person, seeing everything self-accomplished by their will and power therefore praising themselves. But God said this is a lie, **"Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen."** Romans 1:25 The same is also to understanding the doctrine of the bible, it is all divinely inspired, all God's gracious gift by the Holy Spirit. **"And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven."** Matthew 16:17 There are billions of souls that think they have eternal life but are lost and destined to eternal hell. The truth of salvation is in the scriptures, if you never seek the truth about salvation, you will never find it. If your salvation is based on anything but the Holy Scriptures, you are not saved. **"For by grace are ye saved**

through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: **Not of works**, lest any man should boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.” Ephesians 2:8 – 10 If your salvation includes human works then you are not saved, you believe the lie of Satan who has man blinded to prevent them from seeing God’s truth about salvation. This is not Baptist Doctrine this is God’s word and because of that it is what Baptist believe. The doctrine is God’s Holy script called the Bible. “All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and **is profitable for doctrine...**” Baptist Doctrine is the scriptures not a confession of faith, so if you hate “doctrine” you hate God’s word. Paul wrote, “*For I have not shunned to declare unto you all the counsel of God. Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood.*” Acts 20:27 – 28 It is the Pastors responsibility to preach the truth in love not church doctrine. The whole bible and not selected scriptures out-of-context or making-up humanistic laced doctrine. It is your personal responsibility to search the scriptures to find the truth as God’s word reveals it. You may find that you need to be saved, God may show you the truth if you search for it.

Sin has robbed us of six jewels

By William Dye

"Christ died for the ungodly." Romans 5:6

Certainly, the misery of man was very great, that man should need such redemption as this. Oh, what a breach had sin made between God and us, that the Son of God must come from Heaven to earth to suffer all this.

1. Sin robs us of the image of God. Was not this a precious jewel? I say, sin robbed us of the image of God, and drew the devil's picture in us.

Malice is the devil's eye,
oppression is the devil's hand,
blasphemy is the devil's tongue,
hypocrisy is the devil's cloven foot.

2. Sin robs us of our divine sonship, and makes us . . .

slaves to the devil,
slaves to sin,
slaves to the world,
slaves to ourselves.

This is another jewel we have lost.

3. Sin robs us of our friendship with God, and makes us . . .

enemies to God,
enemies to Christ,
enemies to our own souls,
enemies to all that is holy.

4. Sin robs us of our communion and fellowship with God, and makes us strangers and aliens to God.

5. Sin robs us of our rights and privileges of Heaven and heavenly things, and makes us children of wrath and heirs of Hell.

6. Sin robs us of our honor and glory, and makes us vile and miserable; as you may see in Isaiah 1:6,

"There is no soundness in us, but only wounds, and bruises, and putrefying sores."

Now sirs, put all this together, and then see whether or not we are miserable, and whether we needed a Savior to come and deliver us from this misery into which our souls were plunged.

Now here is our happiness, Christians: in Christ we have these jewels back again, which we lost in the old Adam.

The glorious image of God,
our divine sonship,
our friendship with God,
our fellowship with God,
our heavenly privileges,
our glory and honor,
we have regained all these by Jesus Christ!