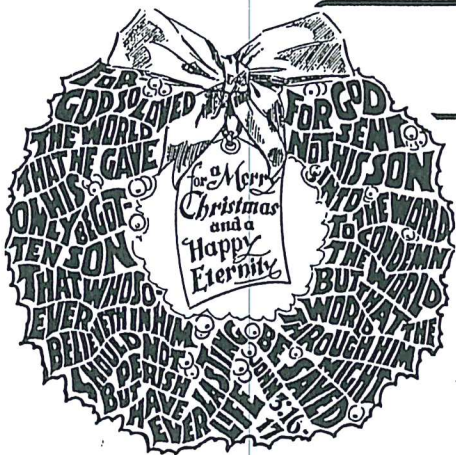


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Jesus is God

"Atheism was not a problem for the writers of either the Old Testament or the New Testament. They spent neither space nor energy to prove the existence of God. They simply told about the mighty acts of God; about His sole sovereignty; and of His purpose to make His salvation available to all who would obey and trust Him. Through a chosen people God would become known if they were faithful, and in the fullness of time He would send forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the Law, to bring redemption.

The New Testament writers all believed that Jesus of Nazareth was the Son of God, fully God and fully man. Nothing like this had ever occurred previously in human history, and it would never occur again. In this Jesus, God reveled Himself fully. Men no longer needed to inquire, 'What is God like?'. They could see Jesus and know that whoever had seen him with the eyes of faith has seen God."

- Charles R. Erdman, "The Gospel of John"

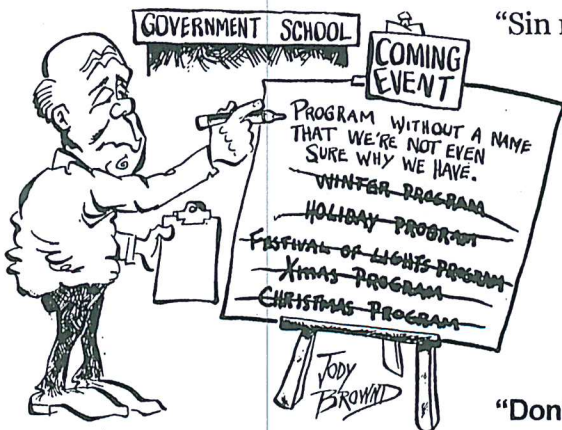
When to Stop Looking

"Let's say you were taking a multiple-choice test and had the following question:
2 + 2 = (a) 4, (b) 5, (c) 3, (d) 8

Once you know that the answer is (a), how much time do you take to consider other options? None at all!"

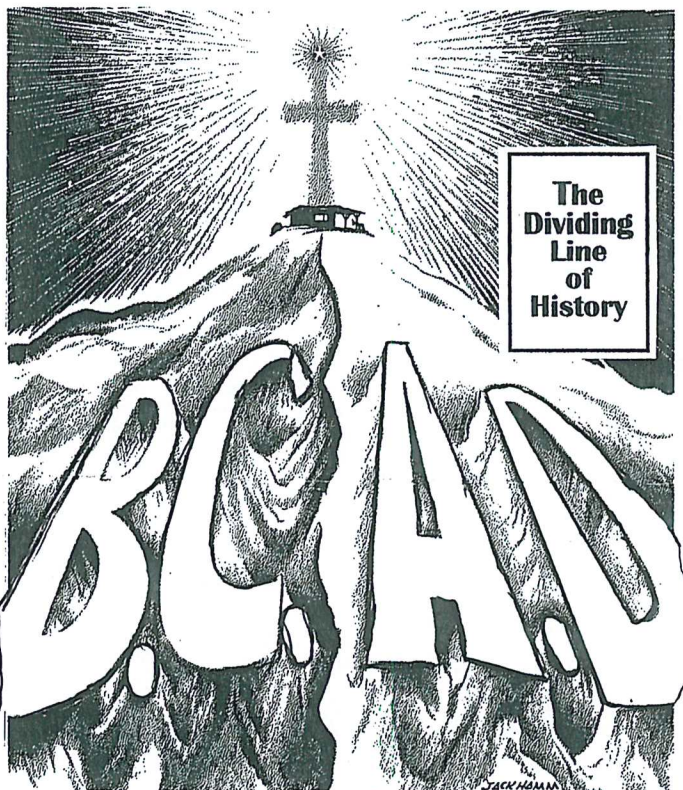
- Mark Cahill, 'One Heartbeat Away'

Christians stop looking for other truth when they discover God's truth in His Book, the Bible!



"... they shall call his name Emmanuel ... being interpreted is, **God with us.**" Who believed that Jesus is God?

Paul believed, "... God was manifested in the flesh ...", (1 Timothy 3:16); Thomas said, "... my Lord and my God", (John 20:28); John certainly did, "... even in his Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God, (1 John 5:20c) "In the beginning ... the Word was God... And the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us." (John 1:1, 14); Peter believed, "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God." (Matthew 16:16); Mary said, "I ... rejoiced in God my Saviour, (Luke 1:47); The **unclean spirits** knew Jesus was God, "...I know thee who thou art, the Holy One of God." (Mark 1:24c); the **Old Testament prophets** believed, "Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us." (Isaiah 7:14; Matthew 1:23). **God** said, "But unto the Son he saith, Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever." (Hebrews 1:8a); **Our church** believes that Jesus Christ is God! We believe that Jesus Christ is God, Lord, Saviour, Creator, Judge, Eternal King, "Light of the world", the only Redeemer, the Son of God and God the Son!



The LISTENER

"And Moses called all Israel, and said unto them, Hear, O Israel, the statutes and judgments which I speak in your ears this day, that ye may learn them, and keep, and do them."
- Deuteronomy 5:1

The Scriptures themselves say more about the listener's responsibility to hear, understand, and implement the message, than about the preacher's obligation to faithfully preach it."

"Hearing is a dominant theme of both Old and New Testaments – far more dominant than the duty of preacher's to proclaim the Word."

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Jesus Christ is **NOT** like:

1. An Insurance Policy – people pay the premium, but used for emergencies *only*.
2. An Auto Repair Shop – go to *only* when there's a breakdown in need of repair.
3. Bad Tasting Medicine – taken *only* when sick, not enjoyed, and stopped when feeling better.

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday Services, 10:30, 11:00 am & 7:00 pm

Wednesdays - Adult & Teen Bible Studies
& Kids' Bible Club - 7:00 pm

Christmas Morning Service, at 11:00 a.m.
Invite & Bring your family and Friends!

Quotes

"Delayed obedience is disobedience."

"Every trap has delicious bait."

"Sin numbs the sensibility for feeling sin."

"Our church offers insurance against religious fraud."

"MARRIAGE - When saying 'I do' to that special one, it also says 'I don't' to all others."

"Every sinner will be crossed at the point of their rebellion."

"REPENTANCE means that I show my sorrow for the wrong thing by becoming the opposite."

"Don't confuse God's love for acceptance."

"We can never comprehend what took place on Calvary until we know Who it was that was born in Bethlehem."

The INCARNATION of Christ

The Incarnation ('God in the flesh') of Christ as Saviour is from the penalty of sin and present power of sin. 'We believe in Jesus Christ as the Saviour from the penalty of sin. But, let us also realize, and also trust Him fully, as the One who indwells us and will overcome sin in our present lives, too!'

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"O magnify the LORD *with me*, and let us exalt his name *together*."

- Psalm 34:3

The Problem with the 'Good';

The Do-Gooder Moralist, *versus* the Christian

"One of the great snares is the number of good things we might do. Jesus Christ never did the good things He might have done; He did everything He *ought to do* because He had his eyes fixed on His Father's will and He sacrificed Himself for His Father ... The mark of the saint is the good right things he has the privilege of *not* doing. There are a hundred and one right and good things which, if you are a disciple of Jesus, you must *avoid* as your would the devil, although there is no devil in them ... In seeking the best, we soon find that our enemy is our good things, *not* our bad.

The things that keep us back from God's best are *not* sin and imperfections, but the things that are right and good and noble from the natural stand point.

To discern that the natural virtues antagonize surrender to God is to bring our soul at once into the center of our greatest battlefield ... It is not sin that keeps us away from Jesus, but our own goodness, *'I came not to call the righteous',* Jesus said *'but sinners to repentance.'*" (Luke 5:32; Matthew 9:12; Mark 2:17)."

- copied, Oswald Chambers

Biblical Love: In Relation To Doctrinal Error And Those Who Hold It

"It is a serious mistake to presume that the Christian can maintain a neutral or passive attitude toward error.

Contrariwise, we must oppose error as definitely as we embrace truth. *Error is never static or stagnant, but is always aggressive.* For that reason it has never died a natural death, nor can we ignore it to death.

"Error ceaselessly seeks to corrupt, efface, and neutralize the truth, and to destroy all whom it enmeshes in its tentacles. The grand reason then for opposing error is to retrieve precious souls from its blight, and to deliver them from bondage to freedom, from darkness to marvelous light." — copied

THIS & THAT

From HERE & THERE

"Sahara Desert

"The Sahara Desert is larger than the entire United States." (and is growing!)
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"Rock Music & Suicide

"The rise of rock music to a place of prominent influence in a global westernized pop culture has been accompanied by a dramatic rise in youth suicide."

"Scriptures"

"Some fifty-two times the word is found in the New Testament. It come from a Latin word meaning 'writing'."
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Muslims

"There are fifty-six Muslim countries in the world."

Kentucky Supreme Court

"... rules in favor of Print Shop owner who refused to print message violating his beliefs; Nov 8, 2019."
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CONSCIENCE

Genesis 42:21, John 8:9, Acts 23:1, 24:16, Romans 2:15, 9:1, 13:5; I Corinthians 8:7-12, 10:25-29; II Corinthians 1:12, 4:2, 5:11; I Timothy 1:5, 19, 3:9, 4:2; II Timothy 1:3; Titus 1:15; Hebrews 9:9, 14, 10:2, 22, 13:18; I Peter 2:19, 3:16, 21

[1] Do you imagine that if men's consciences always spoke loudly and clearly to them, they would live in the daily commission of acts, which are as opposed to the right as darkness to light? No, beloved; conscience can tell me that I am a sinner, but conscience cannot make me *feel* that I am one. Conscience may tell me that such-and-such a thing is wrong, but how wrong it is conscience itself does not know.

Did any man's conscience, unenlightened by the Spirit, ever tell him that his sins deserved damnation?

[2] Conscience is a faculty of the mind, which, like every other, has suffered serious damage through our natural depravity, and it is by no means perfect.

[3] A guilty conscience is the undying worm of hell; the torture of remorse is the fire that never can be quenched: he that hath that worm gnawing at his heart and that fire burning in his bosom is lost already.

[4] It frequently happens that, the more sinful a man is, the less he is conscious of it. It was remarked of a certain notorious criminal that many thought him innocent because, when he was charged with murder, he did not betray the least emotion. In that wretched self-possession there was to my mind presumptive proof of his great familiarity with crime: if an innocent person is charged with a great offence, the mere charge horrifies him. It is only by weighing all the circumstances, and distinguishing between sin and shame, that he recovers himself. He who can do the deed of shame does not blush when he is charged with it.

[5] A healthy conscience is as tender as a raw wound, which fears a touch; but some men's consciences are covered with a thick skin, and are devoid of feeling.

[6] Certain sinners have a conscience seared as with a hot iron, and this brings with it that horrible peace which is the preface of eternal damnation." — Charles Spurgeon

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Sunday Evening Services 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Studies 7:00 p.m.



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The Claims of Christ

"The claims of Christ are still the tests of faith.

They are still producing crises in the lives of His followers. They are dividing the false from the true. They cause many who have been nominal 'Christians' to turn back from Him; they give occasion to true believers to confess joyfully their satisfaction and their triumphant faith." - copied

"To be saved, Christ must be received, not salvation."

"But as many as received HIM, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on HIS name." John 1:12

"He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life." I John 5:12

"Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me." John 14:6

"Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved." Acts 4:12

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"For the wages of sin is death; but the GIFT OF GOD is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."

- Romans 6:23

Questions from
Romans 6:23 ...

1. What is the Gift of God?
2. How is death described ?
3. What is the opposite of death?
4. What title and name is given to Jesus Christ?
5. Through whom is this 'gift' given?