

that He gave His
Only Begotten Son
THAT WHOSOEVER
believeth in Him
SHOULD NOT PERISH BUT HAVE
everlasting life.

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NEW TESTAMENT 'LOVE'

"There are two words used for 'love' in the New Testament;
one designates a **rational** and benevolent affection which springs from deliberate choice (*Matthew 19:19, 5:44*);
while the other expresses an **emotional** affection - (1) Love based on choice or (2) love based on feelings.

God's love is *not* merely *emotional* affection - God's love is rational. The love of God uses the 'will' for **rational** and voluntary decisions. **Emotional** 'love' is inferior, lower and subordinate to love based on choices of the will.

In other words, a person can have Biblical love without being moved or motivated by feelings.

The world's understanding and Hollywood's definition of 'love' is usually based on a feeling, calling it
'falling in love', 'Are you in love?' etc. But what happens when the 'love' feeling goes away?

Fickle emotions should not be the main basis for any of life's important decisions or relationships!

The Bible does promise wonderful emotions such as 'joy and rejoicing', 'peace', 'love', 'hope', 'fear' (of God), etc.; but only as an expression of worship and faith in the Lord.
Let emotions be the caboose on the train, not the engine!

GROUNDLESS FEARS

"They *stab themselves* with imaginary daggers, they *starve themselves* in imaginary famines, and even *bury themselves* in imaginary graves.

Such strange creatures are we that we probably smart more under blows which never fall upon us than we do under those which do actually come. The rod of God does not smite us as sharply as the rod of our own imagination does; our groundless fears are our own chief tormentors; and when we are enabled to abolish our self-inflictions, all the inflictions of the world become light enough."

"Of all self-torture, that of importing future trouble into present account is, perhaps, the most insane."

- copied, C.H.S.

Recognizing 'Wrong' Music

Nine Elements of 'Worldly' Music:
how and when 'Christian' music becomes 'worldly' music ...

"... help to discern the *major elements* of the 'worldly' sound of *contemporary* music coming into churches ... listen for
(1) syncopated dance styles,
(2) soft styles (3) unresolving chords (4) 'soft' rock ... chords are used in contemporary music to create ... (5) a sensual 'feel.' ... vocal singing styles that have been borrowed from secular music and that add a sensual element to the music
(6) scooping, and (7) sliding ...
(8) improvisation (9) breathy, vocal fry." - copied

"But he that is spiritual judgeth all things." 1 Corinthians 2:15

☹ Monstrous & Evil !

"Of all modern phenomenon, the most monstrous and ominous, the most manifestly rotting disease; the most grimly prophetic of destruction, the most clearly and unmistakably inspired of evil spirits, the most instantly and awfully overshadowed by the wrath of heaven; the most near to madness and moral chaos, the most vivid with devilry and despair; is the horrible experience of having to listen to loud music while eating a meal in a restaurant."

- copied/G.K.Chesterton/slightly edited

".. BE NOT TROUBLED "



"Essentially, the work of the church consists only in saving souls from the unavoidable wreck of the world that is sure to come."

"Yea, I have loved thee with an everlasting love: therefore, with lovingkindness have I drawn thee."

- Jeremiah 31:3

"I will mention the lovingkindnesses of the LORD ... the multitude of his lovingkindnesses." - Isaiah 63:7

Blind All Her Life

"This godly woman (*Fanny Crosby*) was blind all her life, yet she did *not* demand that God heal her; she did *not* believe that the devil had afflicted her with the blindness ... she did *not* doubt God because He chose *not* to heal her.

She wrote in her testimony ...

"O what a happy soul am I
Although I cannot see;
I am resolved that in this world
Contented I will be;
How many blessings I enjoy,
That other people don't;
To weep and sigh
because I am blind,
I cannot and I won't."

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"The PRAYERS of the SAINTS are kept before the Throne of God as sweet odors before Him and are effectual in producing His great works on earth." - copied

"Those who have an undue amount of emotion in their faith tend to backslide and to feel the need of being 'saved' over and over again." - copied

The Human Side of FAITH

"On the human side Faith is produced by the Word of God. The Scriptures disclose *our need*, state the *promises*, indicate the *conditions*, and point out the *blessings* of salvation.

... Salvation begins with an intellectual belief in the Word of God.

- Henry Thiessen, 'Lectures in Systematic Theology'

The IDEAL Woman

"When I was a young man I vowed never to marry until I found the *ideal woman*. Well, I found her, but alas, she was waiting for the ideal man."

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday Services, 10:30, 11:00 am & 7:00 pm
Wednesdays - Bible Studies - 7:00 pm

Quotes

"DELAY is the deadliest form of DENIAL."

"It's easier to tear down than to build up."

CONTENTMENT is being completely satisfied with what you haven't got.

I thought *tomorrow* would be *tomorrow* but it turned out to be *today*.

"Ignorance leaves questions unanswered."

"Are the poor a financial blessing to the rich ? or are the rich a financial blessing to the poor ?"

"Remember - you *cannot* live your life over."

"What ungodly men do should not disturb the Christian man's tranquility."

"The real Christian is *right-side-up* in an *upside-down* world."

"Stupidity got us into this mess, why can't stupidity get us out of it?" (:)

"This is an age of enforced ignorance."

God's laws and commandments are *not* called 'legalistic' in heaven."

"The voice of the LORD is powerful;
the voice of the LORD is full of majesty."

- Psalm 29:4

A CLEAR EVIDENCE

"A person's attitude toward the **BIBLE** is one of the *clearest evidences of his spiritual condition*. Jesus said that His 'sheep' will hear His voice and follow Him (*John 10:26-30*).

Concerning God's Word, does a person ... ignore it, criticize it, run from it, argue against it, continuously neglect it, find it boring, and willfully and even stubbornly refuse to hear it ? ... or ... do they read it, believe it, desire it, follow it, witness of it, and joy in it ? Do they love to hear it preached and taught ?
"... *thy word was unto me the joy and rejoicing mine heart.*" - Jeremiah 15:16 b

The Importance of REPENTANCE

"The importance of REPENTANCE is not always recognized in our day as it should be recognized. Evangelists call upon the unsaved to 'accept Christ' and to 'believe', without ever showing the sinner that he is lost and needs a Saviour. But the Scriptures lay much stress on the preaching of REPENTANCE.

REPENTANCE was the message of the Old Testament prophets. (*Deuteronomy 30:10, II Kings 17:13, Jeremiah 8:6, Ezekiel 14:6, 18:30*).

It was the keynote of the preaching of John the Baptist (*Matthew 3:2, Mark 1:15*); of Christ (*Matthew 4:17*) of the 'Twelve' as such (*Mark 6:12*); and in particular of Peter on the Day of Pentecost (*Acts 2:38, 3:19*). It was also fundamental in the preaching of Paul (*Acts 20:21, 26:20*). The Dispensational change has not made REPENTANCE unnecessary in our day; it is definitely a command to all men (*Acts 17:30*).

REPENTANCE is something in which all heaven is supremely interested (*Luke 24:46, 47; 15:7, 10*).

It is the fundamental of fundamentals (*Hebrews 6:1; Matthew 21:32*), because it is an absolute condition to salvation.

"And Jesus answering said unto them ... *except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish* ... " , Luke 13:2-5." - Henry C. Thiessen, "Lectures in Systematic THEOLOGY", pgs. 352,353



THIS & THAT
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Church without God

"According to a report on *Yahoo News*, 1/11/24, atheist 'churches' or secular 'churches' are growing. ... The Sunday Assembly is called "The First Atheist Megachurch." Some have 'debaptism' ceremonies "in which they renounce their former religion."
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Isaiah 52:1-53:12

"Except for James and Jude every writer in the New Testament quotes from Isaiah 52:1-53:12"
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'Sheepfold' & 'Garden'

"It was common in the 17th and 18th centuries for Baptist churches to refer to the New Testament assembly as a *walled sheepfold* and a *watered garden*."
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See You
in
Sunday
School!

"The smartest people in a church are those who attend Sunday School!"

'Questions & Answers'

Can an individual who made a confession of faith in Christ come to a place where he ceases to believe?

Don't we have examples of this in the parable of the sower and the seed in Matthew 13 ?

Response: In the parable of the sower and the seed, *Matthew:13:18-23* *, we are given examples of those who have opportunity for salvation.

We believe the **first example** represents almost everyone in the world because no one leaves this world without being presented, in some compelling way, the hope of salvation Romans 1:20 states,

'*They are without excuse.*' The analogy indicates that many are hardened against believing the gospel.

The **second example** tells us that some will show a superficial interest in the gospel, but it won't last long.

The **third example** relates to those who try to make the gospel fit their hope of salvation, which is manmade and worldly.

In examples one through three, the people did *not* believe the gospel. Only **example four** presents an individual who truly believes the gospel and receives eternal life. Such a person then demonstrates (*not gains*) the reality of full salvation by showing some degree of growth and fruitfulness in Christ.

It can't fit in example four because, in express contrast to the others, there is no allowance made for ceasing to believe.

Your question is answered by the above. If the 'confession' fits one, two, or three, the person never truly believed."

- 'The Berean Call', 'Questions & Answers', Sep 2023

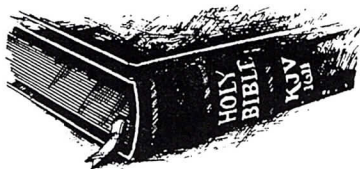
* "**Hear ye therefore the parable of the sower.** (1) **When any one heareth the word of the kingdom, and understandeth it not, then cometh the wicked one, and catcheth away that which was sown in his heart. This is he which received seed by the way side.** (2) **But he that received the seed into stony places, the same is he that heareth the word, and anon with joy receiveth it; Yet hath he not root in himself, but dureth for a while: for when tribulation or persecution ariseth because of the word, by and by he is offended.** (3) **He also that received seed among the thorns is he that heareth the word; and the care of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, choke the word, and he becometh unfruitful.** (4) **But he that received seed into the good ground is he that heareth the word, and understandeth it; which also beareth fruit, and bringeth forth, some an hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. "**

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Television 'Church'

"... television facilitates the communication of *emotion over thought*. It encourages audiences to *experience* a program rather than to reflect on it. Some televangelists ... are more thoughtful than others. Presumably their viewers are more thoughtful as well ... Overall, though, televangelism promotes a popular 'religion' devoid of either historic tradition or a thoughtful content. In the process televangelism creates a rather unstable and inauthentic 'faith' based on emotion and experience ... this helps make the United States ripe for unorthodox gospels of 'health and wealth', and even popular sorcery ... If 'faith' must always contain knowledge and belief, thought and emotion, television can be a serious threat to authentic 'faith'..." -

Quentin J. Schultze, "Televangelism & American Culture"
p120

