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Assembly Times

Sundays
Bible Class 9:30 a.m.
Worship 10:30 a.m.
Wednesdays
Bible Classes 7:00 p.m.

Retaining The Standard Of Sound Doctrine

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Know Your Bible: Answers

- 1. Hagar (Genesis 16:7-14)
2. Moses (Exodus 2:15-21)
3. Jeremiah (38:6)
4. Samaria (John 4:5-15)
5. Abimelech (Genesis 21:22-32)

This Week's Assignments & Events

Sunday Worship

Greeter: Ronnie Ramsey
Announcements: Kevin Buckner
Encouragement Talk: John Franks
Opening Prayer: Kyle Crain
Scripture Reading: Corwin Richardson
Luke 3:11-20
Song Leader: Billy Lovell
Table Talk: Sandon Spyker
Contribution: Eddie Bowen
Helper: Theo Edge
Fruit of Vine: Arturo Orozco
Helper: Josh Emerson
Helper: Ronnie Lightfoot
Closing Prayer: Billy Scherry

Sunday Afternoons

Nov 17 3PM Marriage Tune-Up
Nov 24 Nothing
Dec 1 Nothing
Dec 8 3PM Encouragement (cards & calls)

Wednesday Evening

Song Leader: Truett Blazek
Speaker: Kevin Buckner



Standing Firm

Take up the full armor of God, that you may be able to resist in the evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm Ephesians 6:13

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That's Your Opinion

Many in the church like to think that men teaching opinion as doctrine from God is a thing of the past, but sadly it is a living practice which exists in the church. Often members tolerate such teaching or overlook such teaching in order to maintain the peace in a congregation. What we need to remember is that God says holding others to our opinion is wrong.

Romans 14:2-3 says One person has faith that he may eat all things, but he who is weak eats vegetables only. The one who eats is not to regard with contempt the one who does not eat, and the one who does not eat is not to judge the one who eats, for God has accepted him. This teaches that if we hold the opinion that God is not pleased when we eat meat, we are not to be regarded with contempt by those who understand God's law does not restrict a man in such a way. The Jewish Christian's had problems giving up some of the customs of their lifestyle in regards to which meats could be eaten. Add to that the problem of not knowing if the meat being purchased had been sacrificed to an idol or not, and it is understandable why some would choose to eat vegetables only - believing that's the only way they could please God.

In Romans 14:14-16 Paul writes, I know and am convinced in the Lord Jesus that nothing is unclean in itself; but to him who thinks anything to be unclean, to him it is unclean. For if because of food your brother is hurt, you are no longer walking according to love. Do not destroy with your food him for whom Christ died. Therefore do not let what is for you a good thing be spoken of as evil. The point here is that we can hold opinions stricter than God's Law and our opinion cannot be violated. To us it is unclean even if it is not unclean to others, everyone else, or even God. It is our opinion.

Paul gives another example in Romans 14:5 saying, One person regards one day above another, another regards every day alike. Each person must be fully convinced in his own mind. Our own thinking and understanding is important. Verses 22-23 of this chapter says The faith which you have, have as your own conviction before God. Happy is he who

does not condemn himself in what he approves. But he who doubts is condemned if he eats, because his eating is not from faith; and whatever is not from faith is sin.” If we hold an opinion and then violate our conscience, to us it is sin since it is not of faith. An example: if I believed eating chocolate on Sundays was sinful, and ate chocolate at lunch on Sunday, to me it would be sin. I have that as “my own conviction before God”, but that doesn’t make it everyone else’s conviction or anyone else’s. My opinion is just that - mine.

In Matthew 15:1–9 Jesus condemns the Pharisees for holding an opinion above the Law and teaching it as the doctrine of God. They basically said if you give all your money to the Lord and do not have any left to support your aging parents in their need, then you are not held accountable to God who said, “honor your father and mother.” Jesus said “*you invalidate the word of God for the sake of your tradition*” (verse 6). It could be rightly said they held their opinion that God would not condemn a man in such a position and thus taught that as Law, even though it violated God’s Law. So we see the principle that an opinion does not replace the given Law of God. My opinions and “our opinions” cannot be applied to others. God’s Law is greater than our opinions and must be followed.

Consider the example in 3 John where it says Diotrephes “*does not accept what we say.*” He was of the opinion that the apostles were wrong. His problem was compounded because John goes on to write in verse 10, “*For this reason, if I come, I will call attention to his deeds which he does, unjustly accusing us with wicked words; and not satisfied with this, he himself does not receive the brethren, either, and he forbids those who desire to do so and puts them out of the church*”. There were obviously problems in the local church in that Diotrephes had so much authority to forbid and cast out, but what he was doing was holding his opinion on others that John was wrong. 2 John 11 calls Diotrephes evil. He was wrong to oppose the apostles and wrong to assert his opinion on others.

We need to hold our opinions “*as our own conviction before God*” (Romans 14:22). We are to pay no attention to “*the commandments of men*” (Titus 1:14) because these lead to vain worship (Matthew 15:9). We must be very careful about our opinions. (By Charles Willis)

Know Your Bible

Wells and Containers

1. What exiled woman was approached by an angel at a well?
2. Who met his future wife at a well in Midian?
3. What prophet was imprisoned in a cistern?
4. In what country did Jesus talk with an immoral woman beside a well?
5. Who tried to take the well of Beersheba away from Abraham?

Answers On Back

Sunday Sermon

Point your phone camera at the square below, then click on the link to hear the sermon. Recordings will change mid-week.



Promises Of God

by Donald Willis

“For by these He has granted to us His precious and magnificent promises, so that by them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world by lust” (2 Peter 1:4). And, “*The Lord is not slow about His promise, as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing for any to perish but for all to come to repentance*” (2 Peter 3:9).

WHAT GOD HAS NOT PROMISED

1. To accept excuses. Luke 14:16–24
2. Another day to live. James 4:13–14
3. To save men who are not in the church. Ephesians 5:23; Acts 2:47
4. Another chance after death. Titus 2:11–12; 2 Corinthians 6:2
5. A life free from hardship. 2 Timothy 3:12

UNCONDITIONAL PROMISES OF GOD

1. Will not flood the earth to destroy it again. Genesis 9:12–16
2. Death. Hebrews 9:27
3. Destruction of the world, and judgment. 2 Peter 3:10; 2 Thessalonians 1:7–10

CONDITIONAL PROMISES OF GOD

1. Forgiveness of sins. Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38
2. Forgiveness of sins of erring Christians. Acts 8:22; James 5:16
3. Never see the second death. John 8:51; Revelation 20:14
4. All things work together for good. Romans 8:31
5. Seek first the Kingdom and He will add all things. Matthew 6:33

Are you ready for the judgment day when we will all give account?

Get ready!