

Death and Beyond

Part II

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Let's get more into this 'death and dying' subject... I am beginning to realize this is going to be another of my 'surprise series' by going beyond part II because of the amount of material dealing with this subject. Sometimes, I guess I just talk to much about this stuff, ya know!!! Some of you do remember those hour+ sermons, too, don't you!

In part I, we looked at some details of death and dying and how difficult, if not impossible, to talk to people today about this subject.

While everybody seems to have their own ideas, beliefs and conclusions that they fall back on when that 'time' arrives in their life or concerning their friends, what is most surprising and irritating are now the 'bible-believing' pastors have added their confusion by pushing the Great Commission, modern bibles and evangelical false teachings from their modern Bible! EVEN those King James pastors have misused their own King James Bible to put forth their incorrect 'death and dying doctrines'

For those funeral homes. dying is a nothing but a business and one more place for today's pastors to put forth their false doctrine, creating a false hope in the people associated with that death. A *false hope* is still nothing but a *dead hope* which ends up as having *no hope* in the end.

And for those whose time has arrived, or if it is in their past with someone they loved, and yet you want to show them the truth from the Risen Saviour concerning eternal life, they will have to realize and accept the strong possibility that their loved one had actually placed their trust in a false hope and more than likely might not be with the Lord, after all – and that possibility will more than likely keep them from listening to you – and to Paul – and to the KJB – and to the RISEN SAVIOUR!

Soul-Winning – A “Bible Believer’s false notion!

Obviously, death and dying is one of the most serious subjects one can consider, but it also one that is just seldom preached – OTHER than the soul winning guilt trip that pastors put on their people. I remember what I was taught in my 'early' years thinking I was truly a Christian. All I had was a bible believer's religion – no understanding, no knowledge of the truth, etc.

And yes of course, we WANT to see other people we care about learn what we have learned about eternity and we want to see them 'saved' – for sure!

However, this notion of 'soul winning' being the most important thing in their church is giving way too much over-emphasis – to the point where:

- 1) numbers of souls saved is all that seems to matter – how many notches on their spiritual guns!
- 2) a false gospel is preached to most, whether it be at those after-sermon invitations or on the street corners / public places, etc. either through guilt, or threatening the severity of God in their lives, present and future.
- 3) soul – winning becomes more important than soul-feeding and soul-growing.

Consider these points when it comes to soul-winning:

- 1) Paul doesn't talk about getting out there into the public and getting into people's faces and yelling at them and telling them all the things that most public preachers preach. That is Old Testament – that is Gospels – that will be tribulation! Boy, would I like to go to the steps of the churches, like Jeremiah did, and preach away. Those pastors need to be held accountable to their lies and deceptions. Deceived and being deceived like all the rest of his congregation! And according to Romans 2, God will hold them accountable some day – so that is not my job now. Bummer, though – I really want to talk with them – but they don't won't – see my tract on why they can't, don't and won't! It IS TRUE!
- 2) Yes, Paul does dispute in the market place, but he is talking **WITH** people (*'disputing' almost always comes about when talking about the risen Saviour, the KJB, RD with Paul*), and disputing **WITH** people is quite a bit different than talking **AT** people.
- 3) It seems that even newly 'saved' (***IF** truly saved*) are encouraged to go right out and tell people they are going to hell and they need to be saved like he says he is, etc. Ok, so let's just 'assume' this person is now saved – he is still just like a baby cuz they say he was 'born again' – so the pastors, who seldom talk about anything else in their sermons except being saved... never feed him except those Romans Road 'soul winning' verses. So, the new 'Christian' just goes out and tries to make another baby. It is all similar to being a dad who just makes babies but never feeds them – those 'kids' eventually will die or go rotten and worldly! Anyone can make a baby – but being a true father is much more involved – and takes effort and time, etc.! (*but remember, they are **not** 'born again – they are **not** a baby – and they are **not** making more babies – more on that later*)
- 4) Who wants to listen to that stuff anymore than someone wanting to hear the talk about Jesus coming to America – or that 'you sinners need to stop sinning,' (*and they start reading off the sins that those people are doing, meaning, in their eyes, that YOU are no longer sinning because you have God in you!*) or you need to 'turn to God (Allah) or I will keell you, etc. It is ALL talk – and these days, very threatening talk. Does anyone go out onto the street and talk about the goodness of God? Or the risen Saviour? Or Paul? Or the dispensation of the grace of God? Get a discussion going, not just a fancy prideful show of your voice and what you claim to KNOW!
- 5) Paul's 'witness' is like our 'show and tell' time we all had in elementary school. **I Thessalonians 1:6-10** tells how we are to be a witness today. We are to BE a witness, not talk like one! We are to BE an *ensample* – NOT an example. Read the following slowly! ***I Thessalonians 1:6-10 - And ye became followers of us, and of the Lord, having received the word in much affliction, with joy of the Holy Ghost: So that ye were ensamples to all***

that believe in Macedonia and Achaia. For from you sounded out the word of the Lord not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but also in every place your faith to God-ward is spread abroad; so that we need not to speak any thing. For they themselves shew of us what manner of entering in we had unto you, and how ye turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God; And to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, even Jesus, which delivered us from the wrath to come.

(comments are made in the audio about each one of those underlined words/phrases)

While there are many verses about salvation in Paul's writings, he does not go out of his way to the lost people. He is talking 'mostly' to us – those that believe – the brethren. He has his words towards the lost, no doubt – **Romans 10:9,10**, etc. but soul winning is not his emphasis.

Paul's emphasis is on our following the risen Saviour in our manner of life, after which our works will be judged at the judgment seat of Christ – NOT our scholarship, not our soul-winning numbers, not our visitation record, not our ministry that we developed, not the internet kingdom we built – but on our daily walk – our manner of life based on Paul's gospel (see **Romans 2:16**) – sure, part of our 'works in the fire' will be if we actually had that true witness so that someone else wanted what we 'shewed' – not what we just knew and said!

Ask yourself – “Will people want what I say if I don't show it myself?”

You would think, in spite of all the challenges you and I have – and boy do we have them... with what the riches of understanding have shown to us about the past, present and even our future with the Lord Himself – you would think we would be the ones walking with that peace that passeth all understanding – we would be the ones with the joy in NOT having something compared to their happiness in what they DO have!

But more often than not these days, that it is they who live like God loves them and doesn't care what they do, etc. But you and I know that is wrong – they have been deceived with the word 'love' and their false and eternally wrong belief that 'God loveS the world' in **John 3:16** – and that is coming up in another sermon study – the **SHACKLES of LOVE**. And boy, I can't wait to talk about that!

But back to the subject of death and dying, eternal life and deceiving and being deceived, let's just stop here and move on in part III.