

Pleasant View Proclaimer

Pleasant View church of Christ

False Teaching Motivations

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The following statement is shocking to many people in the greater evangelical world, but it is true nevertheless: Just because a teacher has theological training, and just because he is sincere in what he teaches, that does not mean he is teaching the truth. It is just that simple. For example, in Acts 18 Apollos was “mighty in the Scriptures” and “eloquent” (v. 24). He “began to speak out boldly in the synagogue” (v. 26). But he was only acquainted with the baptism of John. So, Aquila and Priscilla taught him the way of God more accurately (v. 26). Let us consider some of the reasons why someone would become a false

teacher:

- (1). *Ignorance*. This was Apollos’ problem. He did not know what he needed to know. Such false teaching is innocent, but it is still destructive.
- (2). *Ambition*. In the first century, when information traveled slowly and one’s identity could not easily be verified, some men posed as apostles in order to gain influence in the church (II Cor. 11:13). Today, some men will use any label necessary in order to gain a notable position in the church.
- (3). *An obsession with minor things*. Paul instructed Timothy to remain in Ephesus so that he could

prevent some from paying attention “to myths and endless genealogies, which give rise to endless speculation rather than furthering the administration of God which is by faith” (I Tim. 1:4). A modern equivalent would be those who turn matters of judgment into issues of fellowship and salvation.

No matter what the motivation is, Jesus said that false teachers will not be easily recognizable at first (Matt. 7:15-20). It is up to us to test anyone who claims to be from God (I John 4:1-6) and use the Bible as the standard for that test (Acts 17:11).

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Items of Note:

- Lowell Gregory is continuing rehab for his back.
- Haleigh Peden is a 5-year-old girl who attends Bearwallow. She has terminal brain cancer. Her family would like her to receive as many cards as possible. Her address is: 1520 Bearwallow Rd., Ashland City, 37015.
- Continue to pray for Rick Reed, the Gupton family, our civic leaders and missionaries.

Morning Sermon: “Apathy” Tonight’s Sermon: Question and Answer

THOSE WHO WILL SERVE THE CONGREGATION

Sunday School

Read: E. Walker

Pray: Gupton

Morning Worship

Wait on the Table: Smith

Serve: J. Demonbreum, J. Buchanan, J. Walker

Pray: Billingsley

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Sunday School: 9:30
A.M. Worship: 10:30
P.M. Worship: 6:00
Wednesday Bible Study: 7:00 pm
Phone: 924-9714

Romans 8:39

“Neither height, nor depth,
nor any other created thing,
will be able to separate us
from the love of God, which
is in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

Mani Pagidipalli reported these results for 2018:

3234 baptisms

80 church plants throughout India

75 evangelists graduated from our training program and are ministering in two dozen different districts.

290 free surgeries

1500 free dental procedures

30 free cataract surgeries

Chet and Rachel Duke's address:

24331 Town Walk Dr., Hamden, CT 06518.

Who Is A Christian?

Are you a Christian? If so, what happened to take you from a lost state to a saved state? These are serious questions. Sinners place the hope of their salvation on the answers to these questions. I have come across some interesting answers to questions over the years. For instance:

A couple of years ago I was having a conversation with two preachers from churches of Christ. We were discussing various church issues, and the question of what makes one a Christian came up. One preacher said, “Look, as long as someone repents of his/her sins, and is immersed in the name of Jesus for the forgiveness of their sins...and they worship correctly, he/she is a Chris-

tian.” It is a common practice in the evangelical world for people to recite the “Sinner’s Prayer” and “ask God to come into their lives.” Still others believe they are Christians simply because their parents were Christians—they say they grew up “in a Christian home.” But are any of those answers correct? Let’s take them in order:

(1). While it is important to worship the Lord in the ways the Bible instructs, correct worship is not what makes one a Christian. Nowhere in the book of Acts was correct worship attached to the saving blood of Christ. No apostle ever mentioned worship when answering what one must do to be saved.

(2). The “Sinner’s Prayer” is not found anywhere in Scripture. In the New Testament, no one was ever instructed to pray their way into heaven. The fervent prayer of a righteous man might accomplish much (James 5:16), but the prayer from a lost soul does not wash his sins away.

(3). Your genealogy has no affect on your soul. It makes no difference if your parents were faithful Christians. Each person will stand before the Lord and be judged individually (II Cor. 5:10).

The Bible answer is simple. Read Acts 2:37-38.

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