The Fellowship Room

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All Scriptures and comments are based on the New King James Version, unless otherwise noted.

2-29-2016 Danger of Blind Guides

Jesus Christ came to convince opponents, not kill them.

[And Jesus said,] "For judgment I have come into this world, that those who do not see may see, and that those who see may be made blind." Then some of the Pharisees who were with Him heard these words, and said to Him, "Are we blind also?" Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would have no sin; but now you say, 'We see.' Therefore your sin remains" (John 9:39-41).

Pharisees thought they were right, even though they contradicted God's Word. Jesus called them "blind guides" (Matthew 23:16). Today, those who claim salvation but contradict God's Word, are "blind." Jesus said:

"Preach the gospel to every creature. He who believes and is baptized will be saved" (Mark 16:15-16).

He did not promise salvation before baptism!

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3-1-2016 Do You Need a Miracle Today?

The Gospel of Christ saves those who believe.

For Jews request a sign, and Greeks seek after wisdom; but we preach Christ crucified, to the Jews a stumbling block and to the Greeks foolishness (1 Corinthians 1:21-23).

Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all kinds of sickness and all kinds of disease among the people (Matthew 4:23).

[But Jews later said] "What sign will You perform then, that we may see it and believe You? What work will You do?" (John 6:30).

[So we are told,] "Although He had done so many signs before them, they did not believe in Him" (John 12:37).

The answer to "sign-seekers," is to "preach Christ crucified." Bible miracles prove "Jesus is the Christ."

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3-2-2016 What Else Should He Do?

Jesus was in Jerusalem:

Then the Jews surrounded Him and said to Him, 'How long do You keep us in doubt? If You are the Christ, tell us plainly.' Jesus answered them, 'I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in My Father's name, they bear witness of Me.' (John 10:24-25).

What doubt?

- (1) Jesus made it so plain, that when "the high priest asked Him, saying to Him, 'Are You the Christ, the Son of the Blessed?' Jesus said, 'I am.'" (Mark 14:61-62).
- (2) There were "many of the people [who] believed in Him, and said, 'When the Christ comes, will He do more signs than these which this Man has done?'" (John 7:31). No one who ever lived has claimed what Jesus claimed and proven it with the power He did!

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3-3-2016 When Is Jesus' Second Coming?

Nearly 40 years before it happened, Jesus predicted the destruction of Jerusalem that took place in 70 A.D. There would be signs preceding it: "wars and commotions," "nation will rise against nation," "great earthquakes," "famines and pestilences," "persecution" of His disciples (Luke 21:8-19).

[He related:] "The abomination of desolation' spoken of by Daniel the prophet" (Mark 13:14-23)

They would "see Jerusalem surrounded by armies" (Luke 21:20)

[Jesus said:] "Assuredly, I say to you, this generation will by no means pass away till all things take place" (Mark 13:30).

[Of the Second Coming, Jesus said,] "But of that day and hour no one knows" (Mark 13:32).

Those who preach those "signs" as if they precede the Second Coming of Christ have ignored what Jesus actually said, and have shown complete disregard for the Word of God.

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3-4-2016 God Is Creator of Order

The magnificent design and order to life demands faith in the Creator God. Jesus pointed to inherent order in agriculture when He said:

"The earth yields crops by itself: first the blade, then the head, after that the full grain in the head. But when the grain ripens, immediately he puts in the sickle, because the harvest has come" (Mark 4:28-29).

Such order is impossible without law from a Higher Power. God decreed:

"While the earth remains, Seedtime and harvest, Cold and heat, Winter and summer, And day and night Shall not cease." (Genesis 8:22).

[Abraham] "waited for the city which has foundations, whose builder [Greek word, "technician, craftsman"] and maker [Greek word, "artisan, framer"] is God" (Hebrews 11:10).

Truly, the "technology" of life is impossible and nonsensical without the All-powerful, All-intelligent Creator God!

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