



Pastor David's Weekly Devotional

One might think that the consequence of a society ignoring, or outright rejecting, God and His Word would result in the people of that society not believing in anything at all. In many ways, this is simply not true. Today, we have found that when the truth of God vanishes from society, people do not believe in nothing – they believe in anything or everything! The late English writer G.K. Chesterton once asserted that a mind with the absence of conviction is like an open sewer – rejecting nothing. He stated: “When we cease to worship God, we do not worship nothing. We worship anything.”

However, this is not some new discovery or recent development. People have always worshipped something. They either believe in the God of the Bible – the one and only true God – or they believe in something, or everything, else (even if they only believe in or worship themselves). In his letter to the believers in Rome, the Apostle Paul unmasked the misnomer of any true atheism when he wrote, “*For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities ... have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that men are without excuse. For although they knew God, they neither glorified Him as God nor gave thanks to Him, but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened. Although they claimed to be wise, they became fools and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images made to look like mortal man and birds and animals and reptiles*” (Romans 1:20-23). People either worship the Creator or creation.

Paul instructed and exhorted Timothy to, “*Preach the Word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage – with great patience and careful instruction. For the time will come when men will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths*” (2 Timothy 4:2-4).

While today's irreligious-bent toward philosophy and secular-driven spirituality may appear to be more sophisticated, it is still (in the eyes of God) nothing but rank unbelief. Underneath the fancy garb of ostentatious labels – i.e., atheism, agnosticism, pantheism, Darwinism, humanism, and spiritualism, etc. – is a human soul terminally infected with the disease of sin. In the Bible, we find the only cure for sin is found by believing in and receiving Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.

As Jesus Himself said, “*For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life. ... Whoever believes in Him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because he has not believed in the name of God's one and only Son. ... I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me*” (John 3:16-18; 14:6). In the same vein, the Apostle Peter declared, “*Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved*” (Acts 4:12). The apostle John echoed this same Gospel-truth: “*And this is the testimony, that God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life*” (1 John 5:11-12). Jesus is not a savior but *the* Savior!

Thankfully, salvation can be found in the person and work of Jesus Christ. God has not left us without hope. For out of His gracious love for us, God sent His one and only Son to die on the cross to fully and eternally pay for the sins of all who would ever believe. This undeserved mercy is extended to all who put their faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. In the words of the Apostle Paul, “*Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and you will be saved!*” (Acts 16:31).

Together in and for Christ,
Pastor David
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Scripture Readings for the Week (Monday – Sunday ~ Week #6):

Genesis 20-23; Judges 1-6; Psalm 15-17; Job 11-12; Isaiah 29-33; Matthew 14-16; Romans 11-12

Recommended Reading:

“*Only One Way*” edited by Michael Johnson & Richard Phillips