



THE INFORMER

Church of Christ ~ New Albany, Mississippi

www.nacoc.org

November 16, 2010

SOME THINGS GOD

DOES NOT KNOW

Mike King



An article has been in my files for years bearing the topic mentioned as this article's heading. Each time I glance at it I feel strange because of having been taught to believe that God is omniscient, meaning all-knowing. When looking more carefully at the article, it began to dawn on me that the author's conclusion was correct. Let me illustrate.

God does not know a single sin which He does not hate. It is recorded in John's first epistle that "*Whoever commits sin also commits lawlessness, and sin is lawlessness*" (1 Jn. 3:4). Sin is so contrary to God and His values. When it is found in or committed by any of His creation, God can be left to feel totally violated because it is a rejection of His authority and wishes. Sin is such a serious matter and God has such a hatred for it that it separates, man the sinner, from God the Savior (Isa. 59:1-2).

God does not know a single sinner that He does not love. Matter of fact, "*God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life*" (Jn. 3:16). It is true that "*God is no respecter of persons*" (Acts 10:34) and loves without discrimination except when it comes to being obedient or disobedient. God so demonstrated that He gave Christ to die for us while still living in sin (Rom. 5:8).

God does not know a better way to save than by blood. God delivered and "*conveyed us into to the kingdom of the Son of His love in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins*" (Col. 1:13-14). As long as we are walking obediently, "*in the light*", we put ourselves into a position where "*...the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin*" (1 Jn. 1:7). It was true in the Old Testament as it is in the New Testament that "*...without shedding of blood there is no remission*" (Heb. 9:22).

God does not know a single unfaithful child He will save. Warnings are made to be given heed by those who have "*...an evil heart of unbelief in departing from the living God*" (Heb. 3:12). To those who know what is right and refuse to do it is guilty of sin (Jas. 4:17). It is better to have never known the truth than to have known it and forsaken it. To do so, is similar to a sow returning to her wallowing and dog returning to his vomit (2 Pet. 2:20-22). There is no way that a life-style of this manner can be pleasing to God!

God does not have a better time to save an individual than right now! God not only hears, but He saves. Paul urged the Corinthians to make sure their "house was in order" by saying, "*Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation*" (2 Cor. 6:1-2).

“Mama, I’ll tuck us in”

Standing by the bedside of my daughter she looked pretty small even for a four year old. My daughter had a severe foot infection and she could not even stand on her foot. Her four and six year olds were getting ready for bed when the youngest one came to her mother’s bedside and gently patted mama’s hand, announcing, “Don’t move, Mama. I’ll get our water and tuck us in” Now any mother and father, grandmother or grandfather would soon be pouring out crying, or at least wiping tears back at such a sweet happening. The purity, goodness and sweetness almost makes you gasp for air, except that we know that’s what children do, they just speak straight from a pure heart, and most times the words are few and precisely what is needed to express the most profound feelings of thanksgiving and sense of confidence and security.



It causes me to wonder how we lose that perfection of thought and action when we grow up. It is then we learn how to cover the meanings of our hearts with words made up to guard ourselves from being too frank or too honest. Too open, too direct.

One of the main problems we have with God and understanding His word and its direction for our lives is the fact that “no” means something with God. And we simply are not child-like enough to take Him at His word. There can never be peace or security in our lives until we do.

Just as this sweet little girl made no mistake about what she was going to do for Mama since she was hurt, God through His Son has given us truthful, precise, accurate and loving words to live by.

God really is ready, willing and able to give us “life’s water” and “tuck us in” to His fold. All He is waiting on is us.

just ken ~ via Kensington Woods Church of Christ in Hattiesburg, MS

Where Did God Go?

Take a look around where you’re sitting and find five things that have blue in them. (Go ahead and do it.) With a “blue” mindset, you’ll find that blue jumps out at you: a blue book on the table, a blue pillow on the couch, blue in the painting on the wall and so on...In like fashion, you’ve probably noticed that after you buy a new car, you promptly see that make of car everywhere. That’s because people find what they are looking for. At times in our lives, God seems strangely absent, but the problem is not that God has disappeared. We simply lack a “God” mindset. When we develop our sensitivity, we soon begin to see His work everywhere.

~Roger von Oech

“let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not” ~ Gal. 6:9

YOUTH NEWS

- Congratulations to Erin Wall on being chosen New Albany’s Miss Teen Christmas.
- This past weekend the Jr. Bible Bowl group answered all their questions. We are proud of them.
- The next Senior Bible Bowl will be held Nov. 28th at the Hwy 15 Pontotoc Church of Christ. The youth will eat at George’s in New Albany before leaving for Pontotoc.
- November’s Youth Devo will be Sunday night the 28th following services. *Dan Cobb* will be hosting.

Scripture Scramble

Unscramble the letters in each word below to reveal the passage of scripture.

EHT ETNSO CHWIIH EHT USRLIEDB USRFEED

SI EOBMEC EHT DAHE OTSNE FO EHT

RRONEC. TSIH SI EHT SROLD’ ONIGD; TI SI

VUSROMLEA NI URO YSEE. TSIH SI EHT YDA

WIHHC EHT ROLD THHA MEDA; EW WLLI

ROJIEEC NDA EB LGDA NI TI.

Solution next week

For daily devotional & updates call NEWSLINE @ 534-0016



REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Hugh Collins, brother of Patricia Crow, is undergoing radiation therapy for prostate cancer.

John Sanford, is awaiting gall bladder surgery in Alabama.

Margaret Bailey, mother of Paige Young, has not been feeling well as a result of her cancer treatments.

Continual Prayer List

Vickie Chism, Chris Isbell, Donna Haynes, Barbara Smithey, Shane Crofts, Udell Wilson, Arkie Grimmitt, Bill King, Donna Weeden, Sylvia Plunk, Terry Young

Shut-Ins

Jean Drummond, Lessie Bryant, Billy Joe Garner, Laura Mae Harris, Belle Cross, Pauline Smith, Raymond & Amy Vest

Nursing Home/Assisted Living:

Sue Collins, Corrine Hall, Eunice Mabry, Faye Owen, Anna Davis & Mattie Golden

Military List:

David Wilhite-Navy-Florida **Barry Wilhite**-Marine-Navy –Virginia, **Jimmie Stutts**-Air Force—California, **Tiffany Erwin**– Army-Camp Rooker, AL; **Aaron Raines**-Army, Afghanistan **Jamie Vansandt**, Alaska; **Michelle Ham**, Fort Leonard, Missouri,

What Must I Do To Be Saved?

1. Hear the Gospel (Romans 10: 13-17).
2. Believe the Gospel (Acts 15:7; Mark 16:15, 16)
3. Repent of Sins (Acts 3:19)
4. Confess Faith in Christ (Acts 8:37)
5. Be Baptized for the Remission of Sins (Acts 2:38)
6. Be Faithful (Revelation 2:10)

FELLOWSHIP SUPPER

There will be a fellowship supper Sunday night, November 21st, following services. Please bring your favorite soup, snack foods, and desserts.



THANKSGIVING MEAL

The Hwy 178 congregation will be providing meals for the needy again this year on Thanksgiving Day . They have asked if we could help them by providing casseroles and desserts. They could also use help serving plates on Thanksgiving morning. If you are willing to provide a casserole (e.g. hash brown, sweet potato, macaroni /cheese) you will need to have them here at the building by 8:30AM Thanksgiving morning. Any desserts may be brought Wednesday night and left at the building. For more details see Helen DePriest.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

The annual Men's Breakfast and Planning Day will be Saturday morning, December 4th, at 7:00am at the fellowship building. All men of the congregation are encouraged to attend.



CHRISTMAS BRUNCH

The annual Ladies Christmas Brunch will be Saturday morning, December 4th, at 9:30am at the home of Novene Robertson. Everyone is asked to bring their favorite brunch dish and a wrapped Christmas ornament to play "Dirty Santa."

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

November 18.....Linda Griggs
 November 19.....Linda Turner
 November 23.....Betty Young
 November 25.....Cooper Pounders
 November 28Jerry Grimmitt

Visit our website @ <http://www.nacoc.org>

OUR RECORD

| | |
|---------------------|------------|
| Sunday School | 109 |
| Sunday A.M | 132 |
| Sunday P.M..... | 287 |
| Wednesday | 92 |
| Contribution..... | \$3,908.65 |
| Budget..... | \$3,305.70 |

TO SERVE

| | |
|--------------------|----------------|
| Scripture..... | Phil Young |
| A.M. Prayer..... | Dan Cobb |
| Closing Prayer.... | Jason Jennings |
| P.M. Prayer..... | Greg Harrison |
| Closing..... | Bobby Marques |
| Wed. 11/24..... | Gary Turner |
| Wed. 11/24..... | J.L. Eaton |
| Usher & Lock | Andy Clemmer |
| Greeters..... | R & K Jennings |

**PANTRY ITEM:
Dried peas or beans**

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

| | |
|----------------------------|-------|
| Sunday School | 9:30 |
| Morning Worship..... | 10:30 |
| Evening Worship | 6:00 |
| Wednesday Bible Study..... | 7:00 |

Elders

| | |
|------------------------|----------|
| Richard Jennings | 534-6671 |
| Troy Robertson..... | 534-3491 |

Deacons

| | |
|---------------------|----------|
| Bill Botts | 316-2422 |
| Greg Clayton | 252-9762 |
| Roger Clayton | 534-5240 |
| Andy Clemmer | 816-5887 |
| Harold Russell..... | 534-4648 |
| Randy Wall..... | 316-9255 |

Minister

| | |
|----------------|--------------|
| Mike King..... | 904-705-4206 |
| Office..... | 534-4649 |

WHY I ATTEND *all services* OF THE CHURCH

- I GO TO EVERY SERVICE OF THE CHURCH BECAUSE JESUS IS THERE. *“Where two or more are gathered in my name, there am I in the midst of them.”*(Matt. 18:20) Jesus has never forsaken an assembly, and I want to be like Him.
- I GO TO EVERY SERVICE OF THE CHURCH TO OBEY GOD. The Bible says, *“forsake not the assembling of yourselves together”* (Heb. 10:25) The first Christians met weekly and often daily. (Acts 20:7; 2:45; 19:9). ANY service where the Bible is taught, prayer is made, and God is worshipped is good and *“to him that knoweth to do good and doeth it not to him it is sin”* (James 4:17). If it is good to be present for all services, it is bad to be absent from any.
- I GO TO EVERY SERVICE OF THE CHURCH TO PUT FIRST THINGS FIRST. *“Seek ye FIRST his kingdom”*(Matt. 6:33). “Jesus said the church must be first to the Christian, even BEFORE seeking food, clothing, and drink. Nothing could be so important as being a faithful member of the Lord’s church!
- I GO TO EVERY SERVICE OF THE CHURCH TO ABOUND IN THE LORD’S WORK. A true Christian wants to do ALL he can and not as LITTLE as he can. Even after doing all possible, I am still an unprofitable servant (Luke 17:10). Since the assemblies of the church are vital in the Lord’s work, I must abound in attendance. *“Finally, my brethren, be ye steadfast and unmovable. Always ABOUNDING in the work of the Lord”* (I Cor. 15:58).

copied

THE INFORMER

November 16, 2010

Volume 45

THE INFORMER (USPS 5581-500)
Church of Christ
511 Hwy. 15 South, P.O. Box 148
New Albany, Mississippi 38652
(662)534-4649

Periodical
Postage Paid
New Albany, MS

POSTMASTER: Send address changes
(Form 3579) to: The Informer, P.O. Box
148, New Albany, MS 38652