

BETRAYALS

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Betrayals are always a sad affair. Husbands and wives are supposed to be true to one another (Hebrews 13:4); How tragic when one of them cheats...O the pain.

How about when your friend betrays your trust? Sometimes a teacher or even a preacher betrays their position. A child might betray his parents, or vice versa. It's never a good thing when one betrays his country and is forever remembered as a traitor.

No one can honestly say anything good about betrayals. Some of the saddest words recorded in the Bible are when Jesus said to His most beloved disciples "Assuredly I say to you, one

of you will betray me" (Matthew 26:21). Some betray the Lord before they even put their trust in His words. They have betrayed His words of Mark 16:16 by doing all they can to make it mean something other than what it clearly says, "*He who believes and is baptized shall be saved.*" Others betray Him by turning their back on Him after having once obeyed Him. How sad! Peter illustrated this type of betrayal with a picture of a dog returning to its own vomit (2 Peter 2:22).

It's too late for Judas, but if Christians will repent of and confess their sins, God will forgive (Acts 8:22; 1 John 1:9). ☞

Welcome to our services and thank you for visiting. If you have any questions about our beliefs or practices, please don't hesitate to ask.

God has not only commanded us to worship Him, but has also told us how, in His word. **The elements of our services, as prescribed by God's word, are as follows:**

- **SINGING:** Ephesians 5:18,19; Colossians 3:16
- **PREACHING/TEACHING:** Acts 2:42; Eph. 4:11,12
- **PRAYING:** Acts 2:42; Acts 12:5
- **LORD'S SUPPER:** 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; Acts 20:7
- **GIVING:** 1 Corinthians 16:1,2; 2 Corinthians 9:6,7



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- Weekly Article: Rutherford Reader
- 3rd Sunday Singing Practice: 5 pm
- 4th Sunday Singing Night: 6 pm
- Radio program on wgns. 15 minute sermon every Sunday morning from 10:45 - 11:00.
- 5th Sunday Men's Training Class, 4:30 pm. Prayer Service, 6 pm
- Men's Business Meeting. 1st Sunday evenings following services.



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"They...searched the scriptures daily..." -Acts 17:11

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PREJUDICE

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Prejudice is defined by dictionary.com as: "2. Any preconceived opinion or feeling, either favorable or unfavorable. 3. Unreasonable feelings, opinions, or attitudes, esp. of a hostile nature, regarding a racial, religious, or national group." When we hear the word "prejudice," other words come to mind: Animosity, Bigotry, chauvinism, segregation, discrimination, narrow-mindedness, racism, and favoritism. These are all directly opposed to the Christian spirit. Prejudice leads to...

Hatred. Heinous crimes have been perpetrated against fellow humans because of this hatred that is stirred up by prejudice. To judge people based solely on the color of their skin is both ignorant and cruel. Someone once said that Employers should be color blind. I believe Christians should be color blind. Martin Luther King had it right in his famous "I Have A Dream" speech when he taught that men should be judged, not based upon the color of their skin, but on the content of their character. We might as well be prejudiced against people based on the color of their eyes, or their hair color; because they are all based on the same thing...genetic codes. All of mankind

God has made from one blood (Acts 17:24-26). Jesus condemned hatred of our fellow man (Matthew 5:21-26). We are even to love our enemies (Matthew 5:43-48). To hate and curse our fellow man is to do the same to God in Who's similitude man was made (James 3:9-10).

Harm. Due to prejudice, acts of violence have been committed in the workplace, in the community, in public places of business, in politics, in churches, in schools, etc. When a parent shows more love and attention to one child over the other, that is, he shows partiality towards one over the other, this can lead to great harm in the family unit (Genesis 37:3-11). Prejudice has caused harm and disruption in the church. For example, the Judaizers against the Gentile Christians, including Peter's prejudice (Acts 15:1; Galatians 2:11-16). Nathanael almost rejected Jesus due to prejudice (John 1:45-46).

Hell. If you harbor prejudice in your heart against your fellow man based on skin color, age, nationality, social status, financial status, gender, etc; If you do not repent of this, and purge the prejudice from your heart, you will lose your soul in eternal hell (James 2:9; 3:9-10). ☞

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WITH US!**

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY...9:00
SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP.....10:00
SUNDAY EVENING WORSHIP.....6:00
WEDNESDAY EVENING SERVICES....7:00

EVERYONE WELCOME!

FALSE LABELS

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I once read a news piece about a grocery store that got into trouble for falsely labeling its ground beef. It seems they were labeling as lean the meat that was not so lean.

Now I'm certain there are some who can tell the difference by just looking at the meat; not me. However, I can tell the difference when I get the meat into the frying pan. The lean beef doesn't shrink up nearly as much. Yes, the frying pan would certainly reveal to me that the label lied.

What about Christians? Are we wearing false labels? It would seem that God particularly abhors hypocrisy. Jesus, when he walked the earth as a man, often condemned the religious leaders of His day as being hypocrites. He said in Matthew 23:5, "But all their

works they do to be seen by men..."

Are you living a life of hypocrisy? Are you living your life as a professed Christian while your true heart's desire is to impress those around you? You may fool some folks for now, but how will you hold up when trials and troubles come your way? Jesus spoke of those who received the seed on stony places. When the trials came because of the word, they dried right up (Matthew 13:20-21). The time will come when you will find yourself in the frying pan and if you are falsely labeled the heat will reveal your true character.

Get serious now about serving the Lord. Begin a spiritual exercise program with God's word and prayer. Lean yourself up! 🏹

SERMON NOTES

Search the scriptures daily to see if these things are so.

STUDY DAILY!
Acts 17:11

Jesus: The Way, The Truth, The Life

Introduction:

I. _____

II. _____

III. _____

"Knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers, but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot."

-1 Peter 1:18-19

DUTY LIST...

SUNDAY MORNING

- Announcements.....Jason Hubbard
- Bible Reading by.....Frank Anderson
Reading: John 14:1-6
- Song Leader.....Ben Reagh
- Opening Prayer.....Kenny Johnson
- Lord's Table:
Lead.....Ben Green
Serve.....Kenny Todd
Serve.....Justin Pragel
- Closing Prayer.....Robert Johnson

SUNDAY EVENING

- Song Leader.....Michael Pickford
- Lord's Table.....Ben Green

WEDNESDAY EVENING

- Song Leader.....Tony Jenkins
- Invitation.....Michael Pickford

GOD'S PLAN OF SALVATION

There is only one true saving plan of Salvation outlined in Scripture. No substitutes will do. Have you really been saved? Get out your Bible and study the plan below.

- Hear The Gospel: Romans 10:17
- Believe: Mark 16:16; John 8:24
- Repent of Sin: Acts 2:38; Acts 17:30
- Confess Faith: Romans 10:9, 10
- Be Baptized: Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38; Acts 22:16; 1 Peter 3:21
- Remain Faithful: Rev. 2:10

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