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Sunday Bible Study
9:45 AM

Sunday Worship
10:45 AM & 6:30 PM

Wednesday Bible Study
7:30 PM

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8:45-9:00 AM
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Every False Way Of Life

By Jeremy D. Joy

We live in a culture characterized by moral relativity and religious tolerance in which many "call evil good, and good evil" (Isaiah 5:20) creating a clear and present danger for the people of God. It is a real possibility that we can become callused toward immorality and compromise our convictions. The challenge is maintaining

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o u r distinctiveness without becoming hypocritical and self-righteous.

Nevertheless, we must have the same attitude expressed by the p s a l m i s t :


"Through Your precepts I get understanding; Therefore I hate every false way" (Psalm 119:104). The statement implies that there is a true way in contrast to a false way. Unlike the world, it is no laughing matter because a false way leads to a false destination, which should be serious and sobering. Furthermore, if we love a false way, then we demonstrate a lack of understanding of what is true and false.

Jesus warned not to choose the wrong path in the journey of life. "Enter by the



**I will meditate on Your precepts, and contemplate Your ways.
— Psalm 119:18**

narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way that leads to life, and there are few who find it" (Matthew 7:13-14). We can choose the way that is right and good or the way that is easy and allows us to continue in whatever direction we wish. We have a choice, but not without consequence.

What way have you chosen? It will determine your values as well as your lifestyle choices. We must seek our Creator and live with a meaning and purpose that transcends ourselves. "The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord, And He delights in his way" (Psalm 37:23). 

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What Is Your Attitude Toward Things?

By Jeremy D. Joy

Why do bad things happen to good people and good things happen to bad people? Bible scholars and theologians have debated the issue in academic circles, but men and women with real faith continue to wrestle with the question, seeking honest answers and practical solutions. Unfortunately, there are no simple explanations, but we are not the first, nor will we be the last, to grapple with uncertainties.

A man named Asaph described his past struggles with envy toward the wicked and his present faith in God: "Truly God is good to Israel, To such as are pure in heart. But as for me, my feet had almost stumbled; My steps had nearly slipped. For I was

envious of the boastful, When I saw the prosperity of the wicked" (Psalm 73:1-3). Like Asaph, our problem is not why the wicked prosper; it is our attitude toward material things, which is why we are warned not to envy "evildoers" or "workers of iniquity" (Psalm 37:1), because their wealth will not last forever.

Instead, we should develop patience, renew our dependence upon God, and discover the pleasure of knowing Him, like Paul who considered the things of the world "rubbish" in order to "gain Christ" (Philippians 3:8). The real question we need to ask is: Why am I focused upon things? Then we can stand firm that God is good toward His people. 📖

Pine Street News And Notes

Members of our church family who are sick and in need of our prayers:

Others who are sick and in need of our prayers: **Crystal Shockley's** grandmother is improving.

Our Spring Gospel Meeting will be April 20-25 with **Vernon Teagarden**. Mark your calendars and plan to attend.

Who would you like to invite to our Spring Gospel Meeting? There are advertisements and letters on the stand in the foyer that you can mail to family and friends.

Tim Price and **Paul Shockley** were appointed as deacons last Sunday. We commend them for their willingness to serve and look forward to working with

them in this capacity.

There will be an elders-deacons meeting on Monday, April 7 at 7:00 PM.

John and Carol Skinner are grandparents again. We congratulate them on the new addition to their family.

Ted and Lynn Koski's contact information is: Route 1 Box 54, New Martinsville, WV, 26155, (304) 455-2721. Please update your directory.

Jeremy will be answering questions from the question box this evening.

The Scripture reading today is: Psalm 119:1-8.

The sermons today are: "Why Is The Church Important?" (AM).