



Burning Faith

The Book of Acts

Midweek Sermon

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MAGNIFY THE LORD WITH ME

Acts 19:17 (NKJV)

17 This became known both to all Jews and Greeks dwelling in Ephesus; and fear fell on them all, and the name of the Lord Jesus was magnified.

Psalms 34:3 (NKJV)

3 Oh, magnify the LORD with me, And let us exalt His name together.

TRUE FAITH

Acts 19:18 (AMP)

18 Many also of those who were now believers came making full confession and thoroughly exposing their [former deceptive and evil] practices.

True Confession

The root: FAITH

The result: REPENTANCE

The response: OBEDIENCE

Romans 1:16 (NKJV)

16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek.

FALSE CONVERSIONS

Judas—(Mat. 27:3) Remorseful, not repentful.

Balaam—(Num. 22) was convinced but not converted.

Demas—(2 Timothy 4:10 NKJV) "for Demas has forsaken me, having loved this present world, and has departed for Thessalonica..."

King Saul— (I Sam. 22:18-19) slew 85 priests of the Lord.

Proof of True Heartfelt Conversions

- By their fruits you will know them (Mat. 7:15-20).
- Prayerfulness (Mat. 6:5) Jesus said, "When you pray..."
- Christian fellowship (Hebrews 10:25 NKJV) "not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching."
- Love of God's Word (Psalm 119:140 NKJV) "Your word is very pure; Therefore Your servant

loves it.”

- Forsaking what is evil (Proverbs 28:13 NKJV) “He who covers his sins will not prosper, But whoever confesses and forsakes them will have mercy.”
- Giving financially (Malachi 3:8 NKJV) “Will a man rob God? Yet you have robbed Me! But you say, ‘In what way have we robbed You?’ In tithes and offerings.”
- Political alignments (2 Chronicles 19:2 TLB) “...Should you be helping the wicked, and loving those who hate the Lord?”(you can have liberal economic leanings but not social and moral leanings)

CONSEQUENTIAL VS. NOMINAL CHRISTIANITY

BELIEFS — denunciation of pagan ways, evil practices.

PROFESSION — declaration of Christ Lordship.

WORKS — dedication to the practices of one’s faith. Faith without works is dead.

BURNING FAITH

Acts 19:19 (NKJV)

19 Also, many of those who had practiced magic brought their books together and burned them in the sight of all. And they counted up the value of them, and it totaled fifty thousand pieces of silver.

Burn the bridges back to your old sinful lifestyle. Cross the Red Sea and make your return to Egypt nearly impossible!

SPEAKING OF BURNING UP!

1 Corinthians 3:15 (ESV)

“If anyone’s work is burned up, he will suffer loss, though he himself will be saved, but only as through fire.”

SERMONS THAT MATTER

It’s not the form of a sermon, the outline, or the points, but the impact it leaves. The moral impression upon the souls of its hearers is what matters most.

THE TOTAL COST

“Fifty thousand of silver” is what it says in the Greek. If those were silver denarii, each one was worth a day’s wages for a farm worker or other laborer, so a total of about \$5.5 million. If they were silver talents, though, each one was worth a year’s wages for that same laborer, so a total of about \$1.5 billion.

THE MIRACLE SEED OF GOD’S WORD

Acts 19:20 (NKJV)

20 So the word of the Lord grew mightily and prevailed.

- (1) The _____ is the same as ever.
- (2) The human race is as _____ in their hearts as ever.
- (3) The _____ to be overcome are the same.
- (4) The Holy Spirit is just as mighty to convict and _____.

THE WORD IS COMPARED TO A SEED

1 Peter 1:23 (NKJV)

23 having been born again, not of corruptible seed but incorruptible, through the word of God which lives and abides forever,

PLANT

No gardener or farmer would ever expect to grow anything without first planting the seed in soil.

Genesis 2:8 (NKJV)

“God planted a garden eastward in Eden,”

1 Corinthians 3:6 (NKJV)

6 I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the increase.

2 Corinthians 9:10 (TEV)

10 And God, who supplies seed for the sower and bread to eat, will also supply you with all the seed you need and will make it grow and produce a rich harvest from your generosity.

God supplies the seed so we can plant it! Sow your financial seed into fertile ground that will yield the greatest return.

NOTES:

1. GOSPEL
2. DEPRAVED
3. SINS
4. RENEW