

Tidings From Timothy

THINGS THAT DIFFER

(continued from last week)

LOVE AND SENTIMENTALISM

Some confuse sentiment and love. Paul prays that the Philippians may abound in love but he separates it from sentiment. He wanted them to abound in love, that is, overflow, and this would influence their understanding. The heart that lacks love will not understand the truth. Love of self will blind one to understanding the Bible. Love of God and love of truth go together. Christ said He was truth, John 14:6. How can one love Christ and not love truth? "And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. And for this cause shall God send them delusion, that they should believe a lie: That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness" (II Thessalonians 2:10-12). One may see in the passage the determination to follow one's own way and Satan's use of the desire of pleasing self to deceive. Here is proof that one cannot love God without loving truth. The starting point of learning truth is saying and meaning, "Thy will be done, not mine."

One may see that love is not mere sentiment. Real love must be knowledgeable. Paul wanted the love of the Philippians to increase in knowledge. Proper judgment cannot be exercised without knowledge. That is the reason that love must be controlled by knowledge in order to make the proper judgment. The margin says "sense." The A.S.V. translates it "discernment." Ellicott makes the following comment on it: "The word 'perception' properly applies to the senses, and seems here to signify the insight which recognizes a truth as the eye recognizes an object. In the same sense (Hebrews 5:14) Holy Scriptures speak of those who 'by use have THEIR SENSES exercised to discern good and evil.' In fact, the perception here spoken of differs from knowledge in dealing not with general principles, but with concrete examples and questions."

Love must be directed by knowledge. Judgment or discernment is based on love that one knows the Book. Decisions are not to be made on sentiment. One can approve the things that are excellent only as they are tested by the Bible. Some of the judgments that are being made today are based on sentiment and not the truth. Unity is needed. It is required in the Scripture. (I Corinthians 1:10; Ephesians 4:1-6; John 10:20, 21). The desire for unity must not ignore the scriptural basis for it. It seems that some are willing to run past Jerusalem to Rome to offer fellowship to those who reject the authority of the Scripture... (concluded next week).

The Local Evangelism Report will be made next week..

Library Additions: **Prayer : the voice of faith** by Charles B. Hodge & **The Unique World of Women** by Eugenia Price donated by Virginia Smith. Also Steve Hagan has donated **When Is An Example Binding?** and **Your Marriage Can Be Great** by Thomas Warren. There is some excellent material in these books and I encourage you to go and check them out upstairs in the Library.

Don't Forget: Our Third Sunday singing is at 2pm and we will have a special fellowship meal with activities that night.

In Need of Prayer

We are saddened at the death of Luke Emberton. Brother Emberton's funeral was Saturday here at the church building. Dayton Birdwell's father had been in the hospital but is now out. Sister Opal Dyer is now in Glasgow in a nursing home, as is Ms. Kinslow, Penni High's grandmother. Since our last Bulletin, James Deckard has also passed on. Remember all these families in your prayers.

Birthdays

Catherine Emberton	5 th
Larry Ford	6 th
I.C. Short	6 th
Brian White	6 th
Wilma Guffey	11 th
Joe Frazier	10 th
John Reece Lyons	9 th
Michael McPherson	8 th



Happy Anniversary! to Ezra and Bernetta Proffitt – February 5.

What Must I do to be saved?

- **Hear the Gospel - Acts 15:7**
- **Believe the Gospel - Mark 16:15,16**
- **Repent of Sins - Acts 17:30**
- **Confess Christ - Rom. 10:9,10**
- **Be Baptized for the Forgiveness of Sins - Acts 2:38**

Then, as a Christian we must:

- **LIVE FAITHFUL UNTO DEATH - REV. 2:10**

Study the Bible?

God speaks to us today through the Holy Word of God - The Bible (Hebrews 1:1-2). The Scriptures instruct us in the way God requires His people to live (2 Timothy 3:16,17). The Bible is powerful and able to save us (Romans 1:16; James 1:21-25), if we will hear, learn and obey it.

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And if it seem evil unto you to serve the LORD, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that *were* on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD. – Joshua 24:15

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Bible Study... 9:30am
Morning Worship... 10:05am
Evening Worship... 6pm

Wednesday:

Bible Study... 7pm

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