

Speaker for Today
Thank you again, Barrett Hoffman

Attention
Business Meeting TODAY,
June 8, at 2:30 p.m.

(Continued from page 1) Jesus said, *“everyone who commits sin is the slave of sin”* (John 8:34). The question of slavery had been introduced earlier, when Jesus said: *“If you abide in My word, then you are truly disciples of Mine; and you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free”* (vv. 31-32). Insisting on the truth and adhering to it is essential because only the truth sets us free from the bondage of sin.

We cannot change the truth. We can exchange it for a lie; but that lie will not set our souls free from sin. We cannot change the truth, but we can let the truth change us as we earnestly seek its teachings and follow its precepts.

June Birthdays

9 Debbie Pescador

June Anniversaries

5 Kurt & Debbie Hoffman

Regular Meeting Times

Sunday.....9:45 a.m.

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*“Trust in the Lord with all
your heart and do not lean on
your own understanding.”*

Proverb 3:5

- *“Fight the good fight”*
- *“Keep the faith”*
- *“Finish the course”*

We Can...But We Can't

By B.G. Hope

We can ignore God's warnings: we can refuse His blessing; we can reject all his wondrous love; but we can't go to heaven doing so.

We can believe any doctrine we choose; we can belong to the church of our choice; we can worship God as we please; but we can't please God doing so (2 John 9; John 8:32; Matthew 15:9,13; Hebrews 11:6; Romans 10:17).

It seems that Satan has done a remarkable job of convincing the people that their religion is a matter of their choice, not God's; that it is a matter of their being pleased, not God; that is, if they are pleased, then God must be.

People insist, “I have a right to believe as I please. I have the right to join the church of my choice. I have a right to worship God as I see fit.” And I reply, “Yes, you most certainly do. Not only does the constitution of our great nation give us this privilege, but so does God himself. *‘Choose this day whom ye will serve’* is the way God would have it.”

God created man a free moral agent — that is, He made him with the power to choose. We are admonished to choose between right and wrong, between false doctrine and the truth, between worshiping God as He directs and thus please Him and worshiping God as we are pleased to have it, between being a member of some denomination started by man and being a member of the church, between heaven and hell — yes, we have a right to go to hell, but do we prefer to exercise that right?

Yes, WE CAN do as you please — BUT WE CAN'T please God at the same time.

The Importance of Biblical Teaching

By Mike Johnson

The Bible emphasizes that it is essential for our teaching to be in a very bold and straightforward manner, and preaching must be in strict compliance with the Bible. The early church received a great deal of teaching, and the Bible describes the instruction done then and that which is necessary today.

Note what Paul said to the Ephesian elders in Acts 20:20-21 in his farewell message to them. He said, *"...how I kept back nothing that was helpful, but proclaimed it to you, and taught you publicly and from house to house, testifying to Jews, and also to Greeks, repentance toward God and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ."* Later, he said he was pure from the blood of all men because he had not failed to declare to them the *"whole counsel of God"* (Acts 20:26-27).

In Jerusalem, the Jewish rulers were threatening the early disciples for preaching God's Word. They prayed to God that He would grant unto them "boldness" to speak His Word (Acts 4:29).

Later, Paul told a young preacher (Timothy), in 2 Timothy 4:2, he was to *"Preach the word! Be ready in season and out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering*

and teaching." He also told him he was not to preach anything contrary to sound doctrine (I Tim. 1:10), and he was to take heed to himself and to his doctrine (I Tim. 4:16).

Many years before, God told Jonah, he was to go to Nineveh and preach *"the message that I tell you."*

Today, we must preach the message, straightforwardly and clearly, revealed in the Scriptures to a lost and dying world.

Unchanging Truth

By Glen Elliott

"People cannot change truth, but truth can change people." Truth has always been one of life's most precious commodities. Solomon, the wise king of Israel, advised his son to buy the truth and not sell it (Proverbs 23:23). What is so special about truth? It doesn't change. It abides forever. It can be relied upon.

In this world, deception is the order of the day. We are well advised to examine everything carefully. The misrepresentation and distortion of truth leads to tragedy. We hear of some losing their life's savings because they believed a lie. Truth is precious because people can be deceived

In the spiritual realm, dependence on truth carries eternal significance. The word of God is our only reliable guide to heaven. The psalmist says, *"The sum of Your word is truth and every one of Your righteous ordinances is everlasting"* (Psalm 119:160). Sadly, there are many who misrepresent the truth. For this reason, we must test all that we hear by comparing it to the word of God (Acts 17:11). We cannot risk our eternal well-being by blindly accepting the words of men. Instead, our faith must rest on the teaching of our Lord.

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