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At the Cross

Hymn 95



Be Thou My Vision

Hymn 468



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Call to Worship
Psalm 149

Psalm 149 Praise the LORD! Sing to the LORD a new song, his praise in the assembly of the godly! Let Israel be glad in his Maker; let the children of Zion rejoice in their King! Let them praise his name with dancing, making melody to him with tambourine and lyre! For the LORD takes pleasure in his people; he adorns the humble with salvation. Let the godly exult in glory; let them sing for joy on their beds. Let the high praises of God be in their throats and two-edged swords in their hands, to execute vengeance on the nations and punishments on the peoples, to bind their kings with chains and their nobles with fetters of iron, to execute on them the judgment written! This is honor for all his godly ones. Praise the LORD!

When We All Get to Heaven

Hymn 123



O How I Love Jesus

Hymn 634





Praise and Prayer Request

Philippians 1:3-6 I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.

Receiving of the Offering



2 Corinthians 9:5 So I thought it necessary to urge the brothers to go on ahead to you and arrange in advance for the gift you have promised, so that it may be ready **as a willing gift**, not as an exaction.

Famous Quote:

“The Christian world is in a deep sleep; nothing but a loud shout can awaken them out of it!”

GEORGE WHITEFIELD

An open book is shown from a low angle, looking up at the pages. The pages are filled with small, dense text, likely a Bible. The book is set against a bright blue sky with wispy white clouds. The text is overlaid in the center of the book's pages.

Today's Message

“Deception”

“A Call for Discernment”

Scripture text: Galatians 5:1-6:10

Galatians 6:3-7 For if anyone thinks he is something, when he is nothing, **he deceives himself**. But let each one **test his own work**, and then his reason to boast will be in himself alone and not in his neighbor. For each will have to bear his own load. One who is taught the word must share all good things with the one who teaches. **Do not be deceived: God is not mocked**, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap.

Act 17:11 Now these Jews were more noble than those in Thessalonica; **they received the word with all eagerness, examining the Scriptures daily** to see if these things were so.

Discernment:

1. The **quality of being able to grasp** or comprehend what is obscure.
2. Stresses the **power to distinguish** or select **what is true** or appropriate.

Biblical Discernment:

1. (n.) *diakrasis* – a distinguishing, a clear discrimination; judging
2. (v.) *anakrino* – to distinguish; to separate out.

Ephesians 5:1-6 Therefore **be imitators of God**, as beloved children. And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God. But sexual immorality and all impurity or covetousness **must not even be named among you**, as is proper among saints. Let there be no filthiness nor foolish talk nor crude joking, which are out of place, but instead let there be thanksgiving. **For you may be sure of this**, that everyone who is sexually immoral or impure, or who is covetous (that is, an idolater), has no inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God. **Let no one deceive you with empty words**, for because of these things **the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience.**

Why do we need discernment?

Ephesians 4:14 so that **we may no longer be children**, tossed to and fro by the waves and **carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes.**

Because the last days will be marked by false Christ and false prophets:

Matthew 24:24 For false christs and false prophets will arise and **perform great signs and wonders, so as to lead astray, if possible, even the elect.**

Matthew 24:4-8 And Jesus answered them, "**See that no one leads you astray.** For many will come in my name, saying, 'I am the Christ,' and **they will lead many astray.** And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars. **See that you are not alarmed, for this must take place, but the end is not yet.** For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, and there will be famines and earthquakes in various places. **All these are but the beginning of the birth pains.**

We must be able to discern the Spiritual things that are going on around us, for the deception is thick!

Because the days will be marked by unsound doctrine:

2 Timothy 4:3-4 For the time is coming **when people will not endure sound teaching**, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers **to suit their own passions**, and will **turn away from listening to the truth** and wander off into myths.

Titus 1:10-11 For there are many who are insubordinate, **empty talkers and deceivers**, especially those of the circumcision party. **They must be silenced**, since they are **upsetting whole families by teaching for shameful gain what they ought not to teach**.

2 Thessalonians 2:1-5 Now concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we ask you, brothers, **not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed**, either by a spirit or a spoken word, or a letter seeming to be from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord has come. **Let no one deceive you in any way**. For that day will not come, unless the **rebellion comes first**, and the **man of lawlessness is revealed**, the son of destruction, who opposes and exalts himself against every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, **proclaiming himself to be God**. Do you not remember that when I was still with you I told you these things?

James 1:22-26 But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, **deceiving yourselves**. For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks intently at his natural face in a mirror. For he looks at himself and goes away and at once forgets what he was like. But the one who looks into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and perseveres, **being no hearer who forgets but a doer who acts**, he will be blessed in his doing. **If anyone thinks he is religious and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his heart**, this person's religion is worthless.

What about:

Matthew 7:1 "Judge not, that you be not judged.

Let look at the Biblical parameters:

Matthew 7:6 "Do not give dogs what is holy, and do not throw your pearls before pigs, lest they trample them underfoot and turn to attack you.

Matthew 7:15-16 "Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing but inwardly are ravenous wolves. **You will recognize them by their fruits.** Are grapes gathered from thornbushes, or figs from thistles?

John 7:24 Do not judge by appearances, but **judge with right judgment.**"

1 Corinthians 5:11-13 But now I am writing to you **not to associate with anyone who bears the name of brother if he is guilty** of sexual immorality or greed, or is an idolater, reviler, drunkard, or swindler--**not even to eat with such a one.** For what have I to do with judging outsiders? **Is it not those inside the church whom you are to judge?** God judges those outside. **"Purge the evil person from among you."**

2 Timothy 4:10 For Demas, **in love with this present world, has deserted me** and gone to Thessalonica. Crescens has gone to Galatia, Titus to Dalmatia.

A Critique: By using discernment, are we causing division in the Church?

Romans 16:17-18 I appeal to you, brothers, **to watch out for those who cause divisions and create obstacles contrary to the doctrine that you have been taught; avoid them. For such persons do not serve our Lord Christ, but their own appetites, and by smooth talk and flattery they deceive the hearts of the naive.**

2 Peter 2:1-3 But false prophets also arose among the people, just as there will be false teachers among you, **who will secretly bring in destructive heresies, even denying the Master who bought them, bringing upon themselves swift destruction.** And many will follow their sensuality, and because of them the way of truth will be blasphemed. And in their greed they will exploit you with false words. Their condemnation from long ago is not idle, and their destruction is not asleep.

Unity at ALL Cost, is NOT Unity, it is a Deception!

Remember we are unified in Christ Alone, we are part of His Body, the Church, our unity is only based on His Holy Word, the TRUTH!

1 Corinthians 2:14-16 The natural person does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are folly to him, and **he is not able to understand them because they are spiritually discerned. The spiritual person judges all things, but is himself to be judged by no one. "For who has understood the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?" But we have the mind of Christ.**

Holy Communion



The Family of God

I'm so glad to be part of the family of God

**I've been washed in the fountain, cleansed by
His blood**

Joint heirs with Jesus as we travel this sod

For I'm part of the family, the family of God.