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A NEW WAY BUT NOT GOD'S WAY

Quite a few years ago Vance Havner wrote: "A new attitude toward separation has sprung up, and a new technique toward questionable things has come in vogue. A gospel is preached in many quarters that is without offense and without effect. A pleasant approach to worldliness tries to produce a new style of Christian who can be both the Lord's sheep and the devil's goat." In other word, there is no separation from the world. But this is not what we read n the Bible. God says, "**Come out from among them and be ye separate saith the Lord...**" Jesus also said, "**Ye cannot serve God and mammon.**" Then, the Bible says, "**If any man be in Christ, he is a new creature; old things are passed away: behold all things are become new.**" Watering down the Word of God, making the Gospel of Christ palatable to everyone, certainly displeases God and does an injustice to sinners who need to be convicted of sin..

AN OFFERING FOR GOD

The children were playing with "Noah's Ark" and they had "animals" strewn all over the room. Then, one of the girls suggested that they bring an offering like Noah did. Which animal would it be? They couldn't decide until one of the boys said, "I've got it. Let's burn this lamb with a leg broken off. It's no good anyway." Don't laugh my Friend. There is a lesson here. Did you get it? There are a good number of Christians who bring offerings like that to God. Are you one? God is not happy with offerings that "cost us nothing." In the Bible, such a lamb was forbidden. What an insult to God to give Him what is leftover or no good! "**God loveth a cheerful giver.**"

SOME CERTAINTIES

Hebrews 9:27,28: And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment: So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation." Just a sure as you were born, you will die. And as sure as you will die, there is a judgment. But God has made a way of escape: "**Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved.**" ~*Acts 16:31*. If you have never been born again, trust Christ as your Savior today! Also, it is certain that Jesus Christ is coming again; the blessed hope of those who have put their trust in Him. See Titus 2:14. ARE YOU READY?

GIVE THE DEVIL NO ROOM

You can't keep the devil from coming down your street, but you can keep him from staying at your house. The Bible says, "**Neither give place to the devil.**" ~*Ephesians 4:27*. The devil is very clever, subtle. He is a master at making sinful things look good. That's what he did with Adam and Eve. They gave place to him; they gave credence to his ridiculous and wicked proposal. The Bible says, "**Resist the devil and he will flee from you.**" I don't know any better way to resist him than to quote Scripture. You say what good can that do? All I know is that's what Jesus did! Read the first ten verses of Matthew 4.