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THERE IS A WAY

The Bible says, **“There is a way that seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death.”** ~*Proverbs 14:12 and 16:25*. It seems right to many that the way to be saved, reach Heaven, is to be good and do more good than bad. Another way that seems right to man is to be sincere and do the best you can. I also find more and more people who say that everyone is going to Heaven. But what does God say? (Few seem to care). God says, **“Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, by the washing or regeneration and renewing of the Holy Ghost.”** ~*Titus 3:5*. **“For by grace are ye saved through faith: and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God. Not of works, lest any man should boast.”** ~*Ephesians 2:8,9*. Any way but God’s way is the way of death!

THE PREACHING MOST LIKE

Few people today like to hear preaching that calls them to holiness and righteous living. Most have “itching ears” and would rather be entertained than get right with God. They are like those of Isaiah’s day: **“Which say to the seers, ‘See not; and to the prophets, Prophecy not unto us right things, speak unto us smooth things, prophecy deceits.’** ~*Isaiah 30:10*. They would rather hear a nice sounding fairy tale than to hear the hard truth which will save their souls. I wonder how many will read this would fall into that category? I urge you to “buy the truth and sell it not,” while you still have the time.

LOVE CHRIST BUT NOT THE CHURCH

This is a common cry from some, even some who profess to be saved. Vance Havner said, “We are hearing today about those who like Christ but they do not like the Church. But **“Christ loved the church and gave Himself for it.”** How can we like the Head but not the Body, the Groom but not the Bride?” There are a lot of willful souls running around (and often they somehow get into the church) who just don’t want to be obligated or subject themselves to any authority. They have the attitude: Nobody is going to tell me what to believe. Nobody is going to tell me I am supposed to tithe. Nobody is going to tell me what to wear. These people know nothing about the Lordship of Christ and one wonders if they know anything about salvation!

WHILE MEN SLEPT

“But while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat and went his way.” ~*Matthew 13:24,25*. Someone wrote. “When I was a boy, three little ones in our neighborhood – a boy four years old and his two baby sisters, were burned to death because the boy played with matches. The tragedy was caused, not so much by the fact that the boy played with matches, but that his father was in the next room fast asleep when he should have been wide awake. The mother had gone shopping and would be back within the hour. But instead of watching, the father fell asleep and the horrible tragedy took place. The father was never the same, nor the mother.” I cannot help but think of how many Christians are asleep spiritually while souls all around them perish without anyone trying to stop them. **“And that, knowing the time, that now it is high time to wake out of sleep; for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed. The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness and put on the armour of light.”** ~*Romans 13:11,12*. Oh, the sleepy Christians who will be ashamed when they met the Savior.