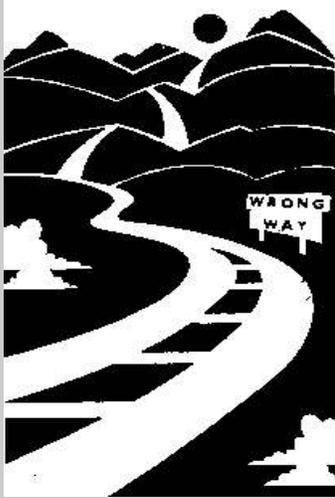


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Reader friend, have you ever done something in your life, and at the time you were doing it, it seemed so right, but later on you found out it was just one big mistake? I have, and I am sure you have also. The mistakes of our natural lives many times can be changed for the better, but when it comes to the caring of our souls, we must not make mistakes.

Proverbs 14:12 says, "There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death." An unsaved person cannot make right decisions when it comes to eternal things, for they are void of the Holy Spirit, the one who directs us into all truth. John 16:13 tells us, "Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth."

We are told of a man and his wife (Ananias and Sapphira) in the fifth chapter of the Book of Acts who sold some land and later lied about how much they sold it for. God struck them both dead right in front of the Apostle Peter. It seemed right to them to lie about this land transaction, but it cost them their souls in hell. Many times young people do things behind their parents' back, and at the time they are doing them, it seems so right, but later on in years to come, they regret their actions. The Bible says in Galatians 6:7, "Whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap." We need to be very careful what we do; just because it seems right from a fleshly viewpoint.

Many today are joining some church or denomination just because it seems to be the right thing to do. No where in God's Word does it tell us to join any religious organization, but rather we are to be joined up with Jesus Christ. John 3:3 says,

"Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God," and verse 7 says, "Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again." In John 14:6 Jesus proclaimed, "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me."

Many seem to think they are a child of God because they have been baptized by some preacher. No friend, we are not saved that way either for the Bible says it is the blood of Jesus Christ that cleanseth us from all sin (1 John 1:7). You may be thinking, "If I do the best I can and live a clean moral life, God surely won't send me to hell when I die." That is surely where you or I or anyone else will go if we do not confess our sins to Christ and allow Him to be Lord and Savior of our lives.

Reading from Matthew 11:28, let us look at the words of Jesus: "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." Oh, what sweet rest comes from Christ Himself! I have never heard of one man, woman, boy or girl who is looking forward to spending eternity in hell, but I have met many who are looking forward to spending eternity in God's glorious Heaven.

John 3:16-17 tells us that God sent His Son, Jesus Christ, to die on the cruel cross of Calvary so we could have eternal life and be able to live free from sin. "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved."

The Bible lets us know we are saved by having faith in Christ, and not by any good works we may attempt. You may still be thinking, "I know a certain way that seems right to me to get to Heaven." Ephesians 2:8-9 tells us: "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." Friend, if your sins have not been covered by the blood of Jesus Christ, and your name is not in God's Book of Life, you are as lost as the most vile sinner, and the wrath of God is upon you. Hebrews 10:31 warns us in this fashion: "It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God."

My dear friend, if you are not saved and living a holy life, you need to lay aside all human reasoning and start reading God's Word and listening to what the Holy Spirit has to say to you. If you have an honest heart, God will never lead you astray, but will bring you to a place where His Word is taught in all truth, and Jesus Christ is lifted up and honored as Lord and Savior of the world.

Let us look at Proverbs 14:12 once more in closing: "There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death." For the sake of your never-dying soul, I ask you to put away all your seeming ways and come the Bible way through Jesus Christ our Lord. Then you will have a hope of Heaven when you leave this life.

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