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"Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is of good repute, if there is any excellence and if anything worthy of praise, dwell on these things." Phil. 4:8 (NASB-U)

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We appreciate so much your presence here with us today. We would like to extend an invitation to join us at any of our other times of worship.

TIMES OF SERVICES SUNDAY

Bible Classes* 10:00 AM
AM Worship 10:45 AM
PM Worship 6:30 PM

WEDNESDAY

Bible Classes* 7:00 PM
(* Bible Classes for All Ages)

Today's Sermon:

*AM: Establishing
Authority
PM: Seleucids*

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what we teach and practice, please
feel free to ask*

Is the Gospel Powerful Enough? **Edwin Crozier**

I have now heard it all. Okay, maybe not. But surely this is close. Some church in Columbia, Tennessee is offering gas cards to visitors. I have no doubt some folks will proclaim, "How innovative! How creative!" Some might say, "Wish I had thought of that."

I say, what happened to Romans 1:16? *"For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek"* (ESV).

Do we really believe it is the power of God to save? Or do we think it lacks something? I'm sure the church offering the gas cards would say they believe the Gospel has that power. They just don't think anyone will come to hear the Gospel if they don't prop it up with a material desire like free gas.

This, of course, is no different than numerous attempts going on each week by churches all over the country. When Vacation Bible Schools look more like county fairs with free crafts and bouncy rides, are we saying the Gospel is no

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longer cutting it? When assemblies are more like rock concerts or club hopping, are we saying the Gospel needs to be propped up? When we attract people to the congregation by having parties for the young people, mixers for the singles, mother's day out for the parents and so much fun and games, are we saying that we just don't think the Gospel is powerful enough to save people?

No church would say they are ashamed of Christ's Gospel. But let's get real. When folks ask, "What have you got for my children?" and we bow our heads, kick the dirt, and say, "Only the Gospel," we are showing embarrassment. When a church is adding in

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all these fleshly frills to get folks to attend, they are saying, "We are kind of embarrassed that the Gospel doesn't have what you want, so we'll add it in. Maybe while you're here, you might catch some of the Gospel by osmosis."

I have two things to say about this. Perhaps if Christians in general would move beyond being unremarkably average and really allow the Gospel to change their lives, more people would be enticed to check out what is going on in our churches. At the same time, if I might borrow a phrase from a bestselling book, we just need to recognize that the world just isn't that into the Gospel. Why would we keep trying to make the Gospel look more worldly just to get them to show up "at church"?

I think God is powerful enough to get the folks who are willing to submit by using His Gospel. He doesn't need us to offer free gas in order to help Him out. If He needed that, He would have done it Himself. Do we not think that God could fill all the gas tanks in the world if that is what it would take to save people? Let's just stick with what God has given us—the Gospel. **That is powerful enough.**

Strange Doctrines

Gordon Wilson

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"Be not carried about with divers and strange doctrines" (Hebrews 13:9). Just as our Lord seeks to influence us away from sin by his doctrine, so the devil would influence us away from Christ by his various strange doctrines. What we are in religion, whether a child of God or a child of Satan, will depend upon which doctrine we accept. It is important then that we know and be able to recognize the strange doctrines of the devil in order to avoid them. We haven't the space to even mention all of these doctrines, nor to give a full discussion to any of them. But we shall comment briefly on some of these strange doctrines.

1. Superstition is one of the doctrines with which Satan has ensnared many victims. Superstition is an unreasoning fear of the unknown or mysterious, a belief in magic or chance, and the like. We can readily see that such is the very opposite of the teaching of Christ, which demands of us a trusting faith in God and his providence. Belief in magic charms, lucky pieces, religious relics, etc. destroys belief in God, unless one has such a low concept of God as to think that he works through such things. Superstition proceeds from ignorance, but the gospel demands that we have our minds enlightened so as to be able to discern between what is true and what is false. It is a shame that so many professed Christians cling to superstitious fables and thus have their faith weakened, their idea of God lowered, and their influence for good rendered nugatory.

2. Philosophy is a strange doctrine which has deceived many. We refer of course to philosophy opposed to revelation. Some philosophical thought is true and some is false,

but that which is opposed to God's revelation is always false. The apostle Paul makes the distinction in 1 Corinthians 2:5. *"That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God."* Here the "wisdom of men" is the human philosophy of which the Greeks were inordinately proud. Paul contrasts this with the "power of God" which is divine revelation. Our faith should not stand in philosophy, but in revelation. It is a serious mistake for man to attempt to reason out a code of human behavior without taking God's revealed will into consideration.

3. Speculation is a kind of strange doctrine. To speculate is formulate theories without sufficient evidence. There are lots of folks who are more curious about what the Bible does not say anything about than they are about the things revealed. Numerous are the speculations about the nature of the Godhead, about the so-called millennium, about the Lord's Supper, etc. Speculators have had a field day with the apocalyptic books of Daniel and Revelation. When will we learn that the "secret things belong unto God," and

that there are many things which it would do us no good whatsoever to know? We should preach the simple doctrine of Christ and leave off the speculations.

4. Softism is strange doctrine. Perhaps this is a word that I made up, or maybe I heard someone else use it. At any rate it describes a state of being weak, compromising, and cowardly. It is the opposite of firmness and boldness. There are many preachers who are just plain "soft." They seemingly are afraid to preach anything controversial; they do not dare to condemn error in such a way as to be understood. Softism can completely undermine the strength of the church by producing a membership lacking in both conviction and courage. A soft, tolerant attitude toward sin has led too many souls in the wrong direction.

There are many strange doctrines which we have not mentioned, but we should particularly be on guard against these few, by leaning and following "sound doctrine."

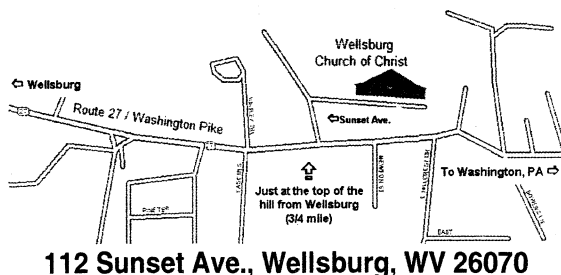


**. Is there a God?
. What does He want from me?
. Is there a way for me to know?**



Join us, September 20-25 as we search for answers to these important questions.

**Sunday—10:00 AM & 6:30 PM
Monday—Friday 7:30 PM**



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Those Serving This Week

Sunday AM

Class Prayer	Don Coen, Jr.
Announcements	Chuck Isinghood
Song Leader	Nathan Marshall
Scripture	Joel 3:1-11
Reader	Blake Headen
Prayer	Ken Prager
Speaker	Tim Henderson
Lord's Supper	
Bread	Harold Marshall
Fruit of the Vine	Tim Henderson
Serve	Terry Smith
Serve	Matt Ferrell
Closing Prayer	Don Coen, Sr.

Please inform the one in charge of announcements if you are unable to fulfill your responsibilities.

Sunday PM

Announcements	Chuck Isinghood
Song Leader	Ed Roberts
Scripture	Joel 3:12-21
Reader	Nathan Marshall
1st Prayer	Harold Marshall
Speaker	Tim Henderson
Communion	Don Coen, Sr.
Closing Prayer	Dave Harless

Wednesday

Announcements	Chuck Isinghood
Class Prayer	Earl Miller
Song Leader	Dan Marton
Invitation	Matt Ferrell
Closing Prayer	Harold Marshall

News N Notes

Please continue to remember these in your prayers:

Travelling:

- Matt Ferrell is travelling to Kentucky for his sister's wedding

Recovering:

- Cary Lancaster
- Marie Roberts
- Ann Rudolph

Prayer Requests:

- Merl Frey
- Zeda Goddard's sons, Dallas and Terry, and her daughter Tammy Garrison
- Blake Headen, Alberta's husband, as he continues to deal with cancer treatments.
- George Hutto, preacher from Alabama diagnosed with cancer
- Virginia Malick, Peggy Miller's mother
- Alfred & Mary Jane Myers
- Jimmy Roberts, Ed & Marie's son
- Jim Roberts, Ed Roberts' father
- Chris Shane
- Monty Wallace, Charissa Wallace's father
- Corey Williams, a friend of Tim & Anna Henderson is recovering from cancer treatments.

Don't forget our Shut-ins

Nursing Home:

- Ethel Mahan
- Pauline Sellers

At Home:

- Josephine Clow
- Mabel Fleming
- Zeda Goddard
- Betty Hunter
- Pauline Midcap

Send them a card—give them a call—let them know we are thinking about them.

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