

Could You Attend Where They Don't Teach Truth on Salvation?

By: David Sproule

The sea of religious division can sometimes seem quite overwhelming today—like attempting to swim in rough seas in the middle of the ocean. So here's a question: Could you attend a church where they do not teach the truth about salvation?

If a church does not teach God's truth about how to be saved, then attendees and listeners would continually and incurably be...lost in sin (Luke 19:10), dead in trespasses and sins (Eph. 2:1-5), separated from God (Isa. 59:1-2), without Christ and without God (Eph. 2:12), having no hope (Eph. 2:12), doomed for everlasting punishment in the eternal fires of hell (Matt. 10:28; 13:42; 25:41, 46).

So, let me ask again—could you attend such a church that, by choosing not to teach the truth about God's plan of salvation from sin, leaves every single person there in that dreadful, condemned condition?

Of all the doctrines taught in the Bible, God makes it abundantly clear how one is saved from their sins. It is not vague or complicated to figure out. When the persecutors and executioners of Jesus heard the good news of the saving grace of Jesus Christ, their hearts were pricked with a belief in the message they heard, driving them to ask what they must do (Acts 2:37). Jesus had already given the apostles the exact answer to provide on that day (see Matthew 28:19; Mark 16:16; Luke 24:47), so Peter recited the Savior's own words, "Repent, and let every one of you be

baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit" (Acts 2:38). These believers had to repent of their sins and be immersed in water in order to obtain the salvation of their sins. Nothing could be clearer.

Does the church where you attend teach what the Bible teaches about salvation? If not, can I ask you as kindly as I possibly can—why are you going there? The eternal destiny of souls is at stake, but they are not being saved there, in the only way the Bible teaches for one to be saved (Acts 4:12). But it's not just the eternal destiny of other people's souls at stake, but the eternal destiny of your own soul. Not only does your presence show approval for the error that is being taught (2 John 9-11), but if you have complied with what is being taught there, then you yourself are lost in sin (go back and read that list in the second paragraph). Again, let me ask—why are you there?

There is more that must be examined than just the teaching on salvation, for "all things" that Scripture affirms must be taught faithfully and truthfully (Matt. 28:20; Rev 22:18-19). But, it starts with salvation from sin. If God's truth is not taught on that, nothing else matters.

Is Money the Root of All Evil?

By: Selected

In Paul's description of the fact that the love of money is the root of all kinds of evil, there is a truth that can so easily be overlooked. We read his words and compare ourselves to the wealth of those in Palm Beach and then conclude that what is said has little to do with us.

Look at the context of Paul's words in the sixth chapter of First Timothy. The chapter begins by describing those false teachers who were the source of envy and strife in the church. They were filled with pride, and it was manifested in the arguments they were using. Paul indicates that they were using religion as an avenue to get rich (v. 2-5).

Paul then sets the record straight with a simple statement, "Now godliness with contentment is great gain" (v. 6). The treasures that really matter are not those investments we make on this earth. Jesus said, "Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth...but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven" (Matt. 6:19-20). The world believes that gaining possessions on the earth is the purpose of life. Those who are godly believe that great gain is found above us, not around us!

To see why this is obviously true read what Paul says in verse seven. "For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain, we can carry nothing out." This truth is reflected in Job, whose possessions are described as the greatest of all the people of the East (Job 1:3). He lost it all and reflected, "Naked I came from my mother's womb, and naked shall I return there. The Lord gave, and the Lord has taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord" (Job 1:21). His life so vividly describes the truth that true wealth is not found in the abundance of our possessions. It comes with godly

contentment in our lives.

However, let us not overlook the fact that this truth is not just for those who are rich. Look carefully again at Paul's words to Timothy. His words are written to those "who desire to be rich," not just to those who are rich. Those who may have very little, compared to those who live in grandeur, can "...fall into temptation and a snare and into many foolish and harmful lusts which drown men in destruction and perdition" (v. 9).

Money does not necessarily corrupt, but when one's life consists only of gain, it destroys godliness. The lack of money is not the source of all evil—it is the love of money that corrupts. Mediate on what Paul says about having godliness with contentment and the great gain that awaits us. Abraham, Joseph, David and many others were wealthy, but they were not any "richer" than the beggar, Lazarus. Think about this!



Upcoming Events

TONIGHT: Youth Devo after evening worship will be here at the building hosted by the McCoy's. Boys bring drinks, girls bring desserts.

Sun. March 15: Baby shower honoring Candace Drake from 2-4pm here at the building.

May 2-3: Midtown's Challenging the Church with speaker Brant Stubblefield.

Area events:

Area events/details are posted on the bulletin board in the hallway. Please check them out.

Prayer List

Prayer Requests:

Veronica Serenil who had surgery recently and is recovering at home.

Janis Fossati, Willie Fossati's mother and Nancy Fortenberry's sister, who will be having medical tests done.

Lonnie Horton, Benny's brother, who needs surgery for his clogged arteries.

Richard Hill who was in the hospital with pneumonia and bacterial infections. He is now in rehab.

Virginia Escojido who is ill with bronchitis.

Service Roster

Week of March 8, 2026

Sunday Morning

Scripture Reading..... Kirk FitzSimmons
Song Leader..... Kirk FitzSimmons

Opening Prayer..... Mark FitzSimmons
Closing Prayer..... Randy D'Herde

Lord's Supper & Offering

Bread..... James Cammock
Cup..... Clifton Rutherford
Offering..... Benny Horton
Assist..... Dan Fielder
Assist..... Willie Fossati
Assist..... Bryce Dolan

Sunday Evening

Song Leader..... Doug Jobs

Opening Prayer..... Benny Horton
Closing Prayer..... Billy York

Lord's Supper & Offering..... James Cammock/
Clifton Rutherford

Wednesday Evening

Adult Class..... Cody McCoy
Song Leader..... Jack Jobs
Devotional..... Doug Jobs

Other

Prepare Communion for March..... Craig Dolan

Congregational News This Week

Birthdays

Benny Horton..... Mar. 7
Willie Fossati..... Mar. 10

Anniversaries

Jeff & Kelly Cannady..... Mar. 12

2026 Pocket Directory

Please review the pocket directory located on the table in the foyer. Please make any corrections or put a check mark by your name if correct. Thank you!

If you have any prayer requests, upcoming events to be announced, or updates/corrections please contact our secretary, Nina Siegel, at (361) 573-0030 or email office.midtownchurch@gmail.com

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Kevin Sheeran—Worship Organization and
Communication
Bryant Siegel—Education and Finance

Our Minister

Cody McCoy

Weekly Reading

Cause me to hear Your loving kindness in the
morning. For in You do I trust; cause me to know
the way in which I should walk...
Psalm 143:8

Service Times

Sunday Morning Bible Class.....9:00 A.M.
Sunday Morning Worship.....10:00 A.M.
Sunday Evening Worship.....5:00 P.M.
Wednesday Bible Class.....7:00 P.M.

Attendance Records

Week of March 1, 2026

A.M. Bible Class.....69
A.M. Worship.....102
P.M. Worship.....45
Wednesday Worship.....62

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