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Acts 26:25

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RIGHT & WRONG

Are some things right or wrong for everyone? Which things? Who decides?

In 2008, 230 young adults (ages 18-23) were asked basic moral questions (lying, cheating, etc; NY Times 9-12-11). They said things like “It’s personal... who am I to say?” or “I would do what I thought made me happy or how I felt. I have no other way of knowing what to do but how I internally feel.” Fewer people today know what is right or wrong—do you? How?

Speaking to the Holy Father, Jesus said *Your word is truth* (John 17:17). God has given all people the same truth. The idea that God does not care whether we have the same beliefs about marriage, salvation, or worship

is false and destroys the desire and work needed for unity. When God’s word is the foundation of belief, the result is unity in truth.

Feelings do not prove what is right or wrong. Saul felt compelled to offer a sinful sacrifice (1 Sam. 13:12). Feelings are a response to life, not a guide for life. The Holy Spirit gave truth by words, not feelings, when He spoke to the holy apostles and prophets (Ephesians 3:5). Only when we read and understand those words, do we learn truth from the Holy Spirit and know right from wrong.

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THE ANNIVERSARY OF JESUS’ DEATH

The “Jehovah’s Witnesses” publicize their annual memorial of Jesus’ death, but their zeal for God is not according to the knowledge of God (Romans 10:2).

1. The website of the “Jehovah’s Witnesses” says “Jesus was created by God” (watchtower.org). Paul said *all things were created by Jesus* (Colossians 1:16). Who do you believe?

2. The “Jehovah’s Witnesses” deny that Jesus is Jehovah. God said to Jesus, *You, LORD, in the beginning...* (Hebrews 1:10). LORD means Jehovah, so God called Jesus Jehovah! Who do you believe?

3. The “Jehovah’s Witnesses” remember Jesus’ death annually. Luke tells us that Paul spoke to the disciples *on the first day of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread* (Acts 20:7). Notice *when* they met to break bread. Their purpose on this occasion was to remember Jesus’ death (1 Corinthians 11:23-26). Do you do this?

WHAT DAY REMINDS YOU MOST OF JESUS' RESURRECTION?

How do you answer this question? Is it a certain day of each week, a certain day of each month, or a certain day of each year? After you answer this question, open your Bible and ask "Which day most reminded the first Christians of Jesus' resurrection?" What will you find in the Bible?

Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John, identify *the first day of the week* as the day of His resurrection. Luke says that on this day the disciples met to break bread (the Lord's Supper, Acts 20:7). Being the only spiritually meaningful day for Christians, it is the Lord's Day (Revelation 1:10).

One problem with Easter is that many people view it as a holy day above or equal to the Lord's Day. God chose the Lord's Day and man chose Easter, yet somehow Easter is supposedly a more or equally special "holy day." Is God glorified when human ideas are made equal to God's ideas?

The church of Christ in Quail Valley will remember the death and resurrection of Jesus this first day of the week as Luke, Paul, and other Christians did—by assembling on His day and eating the Lord's Supper. You are invited to be our guest each week.

*But why do you call Me 'Lord, Lord,' and do not do the things which I say?
(Luke 6:46)*

You are invited to:
Sunday AM Bible classes:
10:00AM
Sunday AM Worship:
10:45AM
Sunday PM Worship:
5:00 PM
Wednesday Bible Classes
& Worship: **7:00 PM**

LEWDNESS

Have you been warned of lasciviousness, lewdness? It is any action offering a "sample" of unlawful sexual pleasure without offering sex itself. Lot saw this from homosexuals in Sodom (2 Pet. 2:7), and heterosexuals are equally guilty—

Lewd words (Eph. 5:4) lead the mind of the hearer to dwell on images or actions that are sexually pleasurable but sinful.

Lewd dress is everywhere today as *the shame of nakedness* is being lost (Rev. 3:17). When people claiming to be saints believe that undressing at the city pool is okay with God, lewdness is either unknown or ignored. According to God you are naked in an average bathing suit (Gen. 3:7-10, 21).

Lewd movements define many common dances ("Dancing With The Stars" likely provides ample examples). Much modern music and videos flaunt lewdness which is often imitated on occasions like prom. Even the "touch" appeal of the traditional slow dance is obvious to anyone, especially any man, who analyzes its popularity.

Jesus, Paul, and Peter all warned that *those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God* (Mk. 7:22; Gal. 5:19; 1 Pet. 4:3). [Send us your comments on any of these articles]

Questions from this issue's articles:

1. Do feelings prove what is right or wrong?
2. In Hebrews 1:10, what did the Father call the Son?
3. What was the day on which Jesus was resurrected and the disciples met to break bread?
4. Name three common ways that lewdness is practiced today.

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