

SONG #189 - THE GOSPEL IS FOR ALL - V. 1&3

PRAYER

WHY MANY PEOPLE ARE LOST

INTRODUCTION:

A. MATTHEW 7:13-14 (Matthew 7:13-14) Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: {14} Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.

B. WHY DO SO MANY GO THE BROAD WAY?

L. S. SOME ARE LOST BECAUSE THEY . . .

SONG #226 - THERE'S A GREAT DAY COMING - V. 1&3

I. DON'T REALIZE THEY ARE LOST.

A. NEVER HEARD - 2 TIMOTHY 2:2 And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also.

B. BELIEVE THEY ARE SAVED - MATTHEW 7:21-23 Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. {22} Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? {23} And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.

SONG #561 - YOU NEVER MENTIONED HIM TO ME - V. 1&3

II. DON'T BELIEVE IN . . .

A. GOD - PSALM 14:1 To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David. The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God. They are corrupt, they have done abominable works, there is none that doeth good.

B. JESUS - JOHN 8:24 I said therefore unto you, that ye shall die in your sins: for if ye believe not that I am he, ye shall die in your sins.

C. HELL - MATTHEW 10:28 And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.

SONG #138 - MY HOPE IS BUILT ON NOTHING LESS - V. 1&4

III. DON'T LOVE THE RIGHT THINGS.

A. TRUTH - 2 THESSALONIANS 2:7-12 For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way. {8} And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming: {9} Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders, {10} And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. {11} And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: {12} That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

B. FIRST LOVE - REVELATION 2:4 Nevertheless I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love.

C. BRETHREN - 1 JOHN 3:14-15 We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren. He that loveth not his brother abideth in death. {15} Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer: and ye know that no murderer hath eternal life abiding in him.

SONG #265 - WHEN MY LOVE FOR CHRIST GROWS WEAK - V. 1-3

LORD'S SUPPER

IV. LOVE THE WRONG THINGS.

A. SIN - JOHN 3:19 And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.

B. PRAISE OF MEN - JOHN 12:42-43 Nevertheless among the chief rulers also many believed on him; but because of the Pharisees they did not confess him, lest they should be put out of the synagogue: {43} For they loved the praise of men more than the praise of God.

C. WORLD - 1 JOHN 2:15-17 Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. {16} For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. {17} And the world passeth away, and the lust

thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever.

D. SELF - 2 TIMOTHY 3:1-5 This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. {2} For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, {3} Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, {4} Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; {5} Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away.

E. MONEY - 1 TIMOTHY 6:10 For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.

COLLECTION

SONG #72 - HIGHER GROUND - V. 1-4

V. TRUST THEIR OWN GOOD WORKS.

A. CORNELIUS - ACTS 10:1-2 There was a certain man in Caesarea called Cornelius, a centurion of the band called the Italian band, {2} A devout man, and one that feared God with all his house, which gave much alms to the people, and prayed to God alway.

Acts 11:14 Who shall tell thee words, whereby thou and all thy house shall be saved.

B. PHARISEES - LUKE 18:9 And he spake this parable unto certain which trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and despised others:

SONG - #275 - NOTHING BUT THE BLOOD - V. 1-3

VI. TRUST ONLY GRACE OR FAITH.

A. 1 CORINTHIANS 15:10 But by the grace of God I am what I am: and his grace which was bestowed upon me was not in vain; but I laboured more abundantly than they all: yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me.

JAMES 2:24-26 Ye see then how that by works a man is justified, and not by faith only. {25} Likewise also was not Rahab the harlot justified by works, when she had received the messengers, and had sent them out another way? {26} For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.

SONG - #214 - TRUST AND OBEY - V. 1&5

VII. ARE NOT SATISFIED WITH CHRIST AND HIS CHURCH

A. TOO DIFFICULT - MATTHEW 13:21 Yet hath he not root in himself, but dureth for a while: for when tribulation or persecution ariseth because of the word, by and by he is offended.

B. HYPOCRITES IN THE CHURCH - MATTHEW 23:13 But woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye shut up the kingdom of heaven against men: for ye neither go in yourselves, neither suffer ye them that are entering to go in.

C. PROBLEMS IN THE CHURCH - JAMES 3:14-16 But if ye have bitter envying and strife in your hearts, glory not, and lie not against the truth. {15} This wisdom descendeth not from above, but is earthly, sensual, devilish. {16} For where envying and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work.

SONG - #103 - I WANT TO BE A WORKER - V. 1&3

CONCLUSION:

A. SUMMARY

B. APPEAL

SONG - #261 - WILL JESUS FIND US WATCHING? - V. 1&3

Philippians 2:12

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