

Northside Church of Christ

“God is a Spirit; and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.”
John 4:24



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If There Were No God

By Mike Riley

There are many people in our world today who truly and sincerely believe that there is no sovereign God that governs our world and universe. For a few moments, let's explore that possibility, and see what would happen if there were indeed no God.

1) If there were no God, there would be no final accounting for all that exists — Mankind has always sought to understand the ultimate origin of the universe. How did the world and all its inhabitants come to be? How do we account for the vast heavenly expanse of stars and planets? Where did man himself originate?

The answers to the above questions would never be known if the idea of a creator God is rejected. There will always be many new ingenious “theories” to explain origins, as there have always been in the past. But, like their predecessors, these “theories” will eventually be rejected as irrational, because true laws of science and rational thought will disprove them as being false. Without God and His word, man would be forever doomed to uncertainty, left to wonder in ignorance about the beginning and end of all created things, including himself.

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SUNDAY MORNING Triple E Edify, Exhort, Evangelize 8:30 AM	SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY I Timothy 9:30 AM	SUNDAY WORSHIP Worship Service 10:30 AM	WEDNESDAY NIGHT Singing Night 7:00 PM
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“Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.”

2 Timothy 2:15

What Kind Of Gospel Did Paul Preach?

By Mike Riley

The Apostle Paul says God had chosen the Thessalonians (2 Thessalonians 2:13) and “called you by our gospel for the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ” (2 Thessalonians 2:14). The letter to the Galatians reveals to us the kind of gospel Paul preached:

It is an exclusive gospel — “But even if we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel to you than what we have preached to you, let him be accursed” (Gal. 1:8-9 – NKJV).

It is a revealed gospel (Gal. 1:11-12) — The gospel Paul preached was not a social gospel, nor the product of man’s wisdom (1 Corinthians 2:4; 2 Peter 1:16). Its essence had been sent from heaven, by the Holy Spirit (Ephesians 3:1-5)

It is an uncompromising gospel — When its principle (one truth for all) was at stake, “we did not yield submission even for an hour” (Gal. 2:3-5). When the apostle Peter, through human weakness, “was not straightforward about the truth of the gospel,” Paul “withstood him to his face, because he was to be blamed” (Gal. 2:11-14).

It is a gospel based on a system of faith — As opposed to justification by the law of Moses. In Gal. 3:10, Paul explains what is meant by “justification by law” by saying:

“Cursed is everyone who does not continue in all things which are written in the book of the law, to do them” (cf. Deuteronomy 27:26).

The law could justify only when its demands were perfectly complied with, but no mortal man ever lived so perfectly, thus justification by the law placed man under a curse.

It is a gospel of Spirit versus flesh — It calls on us to put to death the fleshly desires that war against the Spirit (Gal. 5:16-17; cf. Colossians.3:1-10). It names specific works of the flesh, and says, “those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God” (Gal. 5:21). It encourages us to demonstrate the fruit of the Spirit (Gal. 5:22-26).

Dear reader, if we haven’t already, let us seriously consider obeying the kind of gospel that Paul preached.

Yes, the Bible teaches there will be a final accounting (Romans 14:10-NKJV; 2 Corinthians 5:10-NKJV; cf. Gal. 6:7-NKJV; Ephesians 6:8 -NKJV; Revelation 22:12-NKJV).

2) If there were no God, there would be no moral standards to live by — We often speak of what is right and what is wrong — what is good and evil. But if God did not exist, these concepts would just be creations of each man’s mind (cf. Judges 17:6-NKJV; Judges 21:25-NKJV). If all morality were of a subjective nature, any kind of behavior would be justifiable.

In his novel, The Brothers Karamazov, Russian novelist Fyodor Dostoevsky had one of his characters, Ivan, comment:

“If there is no God, everything is permitted.”

The effects of this belief would be devastating on not only our society, but all societies. Fortunately, there is a standard of morality and moral behavior — of right and wrong — and that standard is found within the pages of Holy Writ — the Bible (Matthew 4:4-NKJV; cf. Deuteronomy 8:1-3-NKJV; Psalm 119:11-NKJV). Also see Isaiah 45:18-19-NKJV, and note the fact that the Lord “speaks righteousness” and declares things that are “right.”

3) If there were no God, there would be no life beyond the grave — We would be just like Rover — dead all over! Our life would then be without purpose or meaning. All happiness would be a fruitless quality. Hopeless despair would be our only reward (1 Corinthians 15:19-NKJV; Ephesians 2:11-12-NKJV; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-NKJV).

Thankfully, we have been provided abundant evidence, not only through true scientific evidence derived from the physical creation (Romans 1:19-20-NKJV; Psalm 19:1-6-NKJV; Psalm 148-NKJV), but through the inspired Word of God (2 Timothy 3:16-ASV; cf. Gal. 1:11-12-NKJV; Ephesians 3:1-3-NKJV) to believe in the existence of God — the only true and living God (Mark 12:26-27-NKJV; Luke 20:37-38-NKJV; cf. Matthew 16:16-NKJV; John 20:28-NKJV; Acts 8:37-NKJV; Acts 9:20-NKJV).

Conclusion:

Beloved friends — God is and has always existed (cf. Exodus 3:14-NKJV; Isaiah 43:13-NKJV; John 8:58-NKJV; John 17:5,24-NKJV; Colossians 1:17-NKJV; Revelation 1:8-NKJV), there is no other God (cf. Deuteronomy 4:35-NKJV; Deuteronomy 32:39-NKJV; 1 Samuel 2:1-2-NKJV; Isaiah 44:8-NKJV; Isaiah 45:5-6,18,20-22-NKJV), and no declaration from the mind of any mortal man can change that immutable fact (Psalm 119:89-NKJV).

Because God is, and because He has revealed His will to us as His created beings (Matthew 10:24-27-NKJV; John 15:14-15-NKJV; Ephesians 3:1-5-NKJV), we now know the answer to the questions as to where we came from (Genesis 1:26-27-NKJV; Genesis 2:7-NKJV; Ecclesiastes 7:29-NKJV), how to live moral and godly lives (Romans 6-NKJV; Gal. 5:13-26-NKJV; Ephesians 4:17-32-NKJV; Ephesians 6:10-18-NKJV; Philippians 2:12-16-NKJV; Colossians 3-NKJV; Colossians 4:1-6-NKJV; 2 Peter 1:1-11-NKJV), and where we are going when this earthly life is over (Ecclesiastes 12:7-NKJV; Matthew 25-NKJV; Philippians 1:23-NKJV; 2 Timothy 4:6-NKJV).

Let’s give praise, glory and honor to the only true and living God! (Revelation 5:11-14-NKJV; Revelation 14:1-7-NKJV).

Announcements

- Fellowship Meal following Worship Service, May 29
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Prayer Requests This Week

- Pray for all those with ongoing health ailments
- Scott Williams
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Communion Preparation

- Sign up sheet for 2022 is in foyer
- May - Montgomery
- June - Thrash
- July - Potts

May Birthdays & Anniversary’s

- Lauren Wooldridge - 7th • James Johnson - 19th
- Sandra Callens - 17th
- Larry and Connie Montgomery - 20th
- Tristan and Auburn Rowell - 23rd
- Shay and Robbie Cooper - 31st

Every Sunday Morning

@ 8:00 AM

on WTOK-TV



Sermon Notes

Men to Serve

Announcements/Opening Prayer - Larry Montgomery
 Scripture Reading - 1 Corinthians 2:1 - 5
 Lead Singing - Mark Potts
 Head of Lord’s Table - Rick Carlberg
 Assist on Lord’s Table - James Johnson
 Scripture Reading - Mark 14:18 - 25
 Closing Prayer - Shay Cooper

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