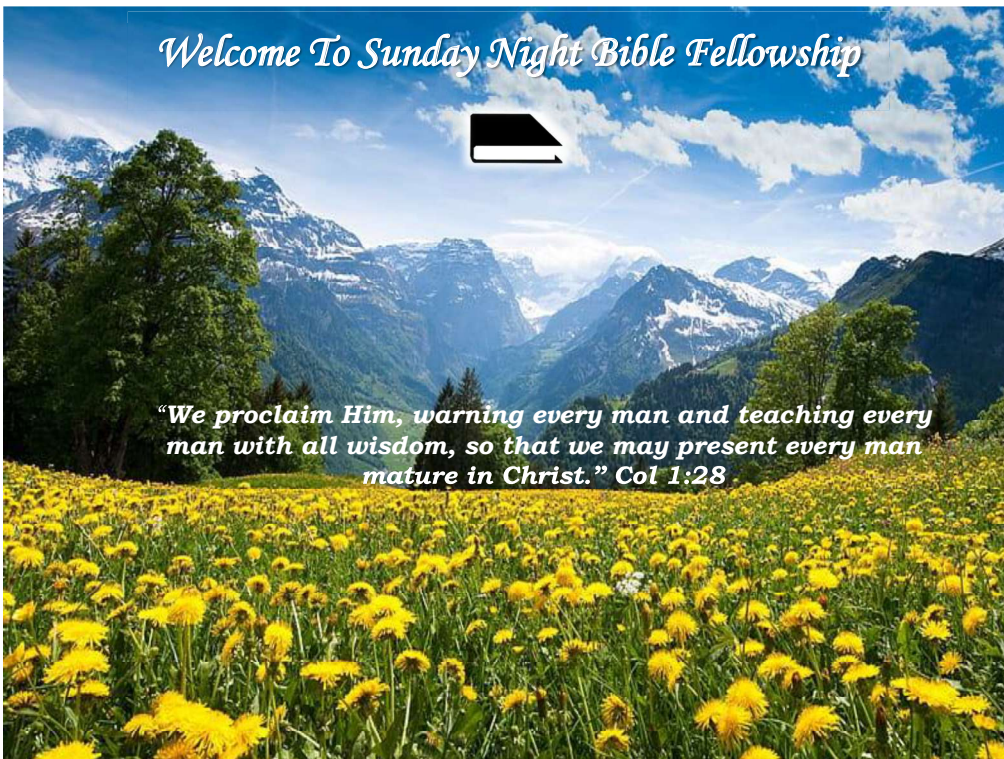


Welcome To Sunday Night Bible Fellowship



“We proclaim Him, warning every man and teaching every man with all wisdom, so that we may present every man mature in Christ.” Col 1:28



Gal 6:15

15 For neither is circumcision anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation.

4 critical applications of this verse:

1. Outward, superficial conformity to laws, rules, rituals, and/or a moral code are worthless to achieve any kind of favor with God.
2. The only thing that matters is a transformed life brought about, not by the flesh, but by the Holy Spirit working internally in an individual.
3. All of the external morality you pile on an unbeliever, accomplishes nothing for his/her justification/salvation.
4. God only approves and blesses a morality that does not come from the flesh, but is produced by the Spirit.

That brings us to the subject of Moralism . . .

“Moralism”

Galatians 6:15

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Moralism

Intro.

- There are 3 “black holes” that believers can get drawn into.
- A **black hole** is a region in space where the force of gravity is so strong, not even light, the fastest known entity in our universe, can escape.



- **Materialism** – the pursuit and accumulation of material objects and the money used to purchase them. Driven by GREED.
- **Mysticism** – the pursuit of spiritual experiences with disregard for the truth. Driven by ECSTASY.
- **Moralism** – the pursuit politically to change individuals, a nation, or society by enacting laws to bring about behavioral change. Driven by SELF-RIGHTEOUSNESS.
- **All 3 have in common:**
 - Driven by the flesh.
 - Not biblical.
 - Difficult to escape.

- Neglected subject.
- Of course we are for morality and not immorality.
- **There is a morality God accepts and a morality God rejects.**
- How do we get to a morality that God accepts?

Definition:

“Moralism is a belief system of self-righteousness, whereby a determined moral code is imposed externally on individuals, a society, and/or a nation through political, legislative, and/or man-made religion in an attempt to produce moral behavior.”

3 main institutions of Moralism –

1. Religion.
2. Politics.
3. Government.
 - Enacts laws to promote order, decency and justice in a nation.
 - ☐ - Citizens obey those laws to the degree that it allows the nation to function.
 - ☐ - The result is a standard of morality.
 - A government saves no one.

3. Moralism confines itself to this world.

Phil 3:20

20 For **our citizenship is in heaven**, from which also we eagerly wait for a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ;

John 18:36

36 Jesus answered, "**My kingdom is not of this world**. If My kingdom were of this world, then My servants would be fighting so that I would not be handed over to the Jews; but as it is, My kingdom is not of this realm."

John 17:7,15,16

7 "I am no longer in the world; and yet **they themselves are in the world**, and I come to You. Holy Father, keep them in Your name,

15 "I do not ask You to take them out of the world, but to keep them from the evil one.

16 "**They are not of the world**, even as I am not of the world.

2 Cor 5:20

20 Therefore, we are **ambassadors** for Christ,

Why is moralism deadly and dangerous?

15 reasons:

1. **Moralism is not biblical.** Nowhere in scripture is external moralism mentioned, except in a negative sense, as a viable movement for believers to support.
2. **Moralism is a wrongful substitute.** Our mandate in scripture is to share the gospel and evangelize the world.

Matt 28:19-20

19 "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit,

20 teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

2 Cor 5:17-21

17 Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come.

18 Now all these things are from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation,

19 namely, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and He has committed to us the word of reconciliation.

20 Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were making an appeal through us; we beg you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.

- **Our goal is to see transformation, not obligation.**
- **Transformed lives produce a morality that God accepts.**

4. Moralism wastes time, money, energy, and a believer's resources.

5. Moralism makes unbiblical distinctions.

- There are only 2 places where people will spend eternity – Heaven or Hell. Not 3. It's not believers, unbelievers, and moral people. It does not matter whether you are a policeman or a prostitute. It does not matter whether you are in the Marines or in the Mafia. It does not matter whether you work for the Red Cross saving lives, or work for an abortion clinic terminating lives.
- **If you do not have Christ as your Savior, you are going to Hell.**

6. Moralism ignores the doctrine of Hell.

The goal of Moralism is to control the outward actions of people, and to create an environment that brings the favor of God, not to deal with the eternal destinies of people.