



ZECHARIAH

Return to me, and I will return to you

What Is True Religion?

Zechariah 7

April 21, 2024

Have you ever considered the question of what is true religion? For many, we consider all the “activities” we do as the most significant part of our Christian walk. The reality is God longs for us to have our heart in line with Him and this is what we’ll see in our passage today.

Order Of Worship

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

From Revelation 5:12-13

Leader: *Worthy is the Lamb who was slain,*

All: *To receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise.*

Leader: *Then every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all that is in them sang,*

All: *"To the one who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and honor and glory and power for ever and ever!" Amen.*

Songs of Praise

How Great Thou Art Warrior

Offering

Confession of Sin

Almighty God, we confess we have broken your commandments, have sinned by selfishness, worldliness, unbelief and pride. We have not loved our neighbor as ourselves, and have not walked humbly

with you. Lord, Almighty God, forgive us and blot out our debts according to your tender mercies, according to your lovingkindness. Give us a humble and contrite heart that we might forgive others as you have forgiven us.

Assurance of Pardon

Song of Declaration

Revelation Song

Confession of Faith

Heidelberg Catechism #88

Q. What is involved in genuine repentance or conversion?

A. Two things: the dying-away of the old self, and the rising-to-life of the new.

Heidelberg Catechism #89

Q. What is the dying-away of the old self?

A. To be genuinely sorry for sin and more and more to hate and run away from it.

Heidelberg Catechism #90

Q. What is the rising-to-life of the new self?

A. Wholehearted joy in God through Christ and a love and delight to live according to the will of God by doing every kind of good work.

Pastoral Prayer

Children's Message

Sermon

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Pastor James Brignac

Song of Response

Jesus With Thy Church Abide

Benediction

Sermon Notes

False Religion

What is the context of this passage?

What is the first rebuke from God?

What two other forms of false religion do we see in this passage?

Psalm 51:16-17

True Religion

Why would God give this particular vision?

*We can worship religion, and we can be very religious without God. We may be highly religious, but there may be no place for God; or even if he does come in, he is simply there as someone who may be of help to us. We are at the center of our religion; our religion really is a religion without God. - **Martyn-Lloyd Jones***

What is the key to true religion?

*...when the prophet speaks of true spirituality, he points to things that are found in God himself. True religion, therefore, is a matter of godliness. - **Richard Phillips***

Deuteronomy 6:4-5

How does Leviticus 11:44 help us understand true religion?

Final Warning

What is the first part of the warning in this passage?

What is the second warning?

Why is it essential for everyone to understand this warning?

Announcements



May 4 at 8 AM – 12 PM
Waypoint Church



**WAYPOINT WOMEN'S
TEA AND TESTIMONY**

April 27 at 10:00 AM
Waypoint Church



Sundays at 6:30 PM
at Waypoint Church

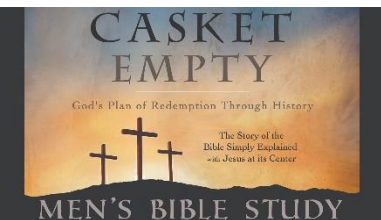


Multiple small groups formed
Contact Pastor James for info



Every Friday at 8:00 AM
Contact Carl Hill for details

Bible Studies



Every other Tue. At 7:00 PM
Led by Matt Kodatt

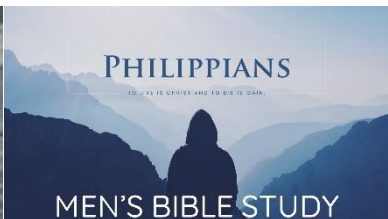


WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Every other Wed. at 6:00 PM
Let by Kasey Bushman



Every other Wed. at 10:00 AM
At Valerie Thompson's home



Every Wed. at 10:00 AM
Led by Steve Jacques

Discussion Questions

1. What comes to mind when you hear religion?
2. Have you ever participated in a fast? How was the experience?
3. Why should we go to church? Is it essential to a Christian's walk?
4. How can we determine if we are "going through the motions" or practicing true religion?
5. Why do we see the same issues and warnings throughout scripture?
6. Do you believe most know they will meet the LORD one day?