



Rockwood Church of Christ

The Proclaimer

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IS SINCERITY ENOUGH TO PLEASE GOD?

On October 16, 2007, one of the two remaining survivors of the Titanic sinking died. Barbara West Dainton died at the nursing home in Camborne, England, at age 96. She was only a year old when the Titanic sank on April 15, 1912, after striking an iceberg, and taking about 1500 souls to a watery grave.

There were so many tragedies surrounding the sinking of the Titanic paramount among them the belief it was an unsinkable ship. This belief was so firmly held to that many of the passengers refused to board the lifeboats even as the liner was going down. They were sincere, but they were sincerely wrong, and many lost their lives as a result.

Unfortunately, too many people today believe that so long as one is sincere in his religious beliefs that God is pleased with them. Granted, one must be sincere; God is never pleased with a hypocrite. Yet one must be sincerely right in one's religious beliefs and practices.

Jesus made this crystal clear when He said, "*Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven. Many will say to Me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name? And then I will declare to them, I never knew you: depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!*" **(Matt. 7:21-23)**. Are you trusting in sincerity alone to get you to heaven? Or are you doing the will of the Father in heaven?

Travis L. Quertermous

THE SIGNIFICANCE OF SOUND DOCTRINE

It is *impossible* to overstate the importance of the Bible class teacher. There are those who can teach and impart certain skills, trades and knowledge. There are those who run large corporations, and those who rule countries. Yet, if a list were somehow composed of all positions of the world being arranged in order of importance, the Bible class teacher would be above them all. Why is this the case? When one is teaching the Bible, he/she is fulfilling the very means by which one may be drawn near to God (**John 6:44-45**). It is the Gospel that is the power of God unto salvation (**Rom. 1:16**), which is only able to act when it is presented (**Rom. 10:13-14**). Furthermore, it is through the teaching of God's Word that all Christians may be thoroughly furnished unto all good works (**II Timothy 3:16-17**), and then, by acting upon that knowledge, his calling and election is made sure (**II Peter 1:10**). Thus, the efforts of the Bible class teacher are supremely important.

Not only can we see the eternal results of the labor of the Bible teacher, we can also see the immediate results. When the parents are overjoyed to hear their child's first recital of the Bible lesson – we can thank the teacher. When we see our children grow in the admonition of the Lord, when we see our members abstaining from doing that which is evil and cleaving to that which is good – we can thank the teacher. When we see men who faithfully preach the Gospel, men who stand up to defend the truth, men who serve as God-fearing elders, deacons, and teachers, and women who teach and help the church in any way they can – we can thank the teacher for their vital part in their instruction and influence.

Teachers, your effect can be felt into eternity, and it just might be the case that your efforts will help raise up strong, faithful leaders of the church of the future. Surely, it is impossible to overstate the importance of the Bible class teacher!

Gary Henson