



Rockwood Church of Christ

The Proclaimer

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ARE YOU COVERED?

All kinds of insurance are available to those who are willing to pay the price. There is health insurance, life insurance, car insurance, liability insurance, homeowners insurance, flood insurance, theft insurance, etc. Some buy all the kinds they can in order to have themselves fully *covered* and many insurance companies spend lots of money on advertising to convince us how much they can save us if we switch over to them. But in the process of insuring what is relative to this life, is as much thought always given to the life to come?

Of all the possessions to insure and disasters to insure against, the greatest catastrophe is to have no provision relative to eternal life (**note Luke 12:20-21**). Some of the things we might get *covered* for in this life may never happen; fire, flood, theft, etc. However, the fact this life will have its end is something we cannot avoid and therefore need to be prepared. For that we need the *coverage* only God can provide. There is an “Eternal Life Insurance” policy already paid for by our Lord, but we must be in Him in order to receive the benefits. Are we *covered*?

In his letter to the church at Rome, Paul (citing **Psalm 32:1-2**) encouraged, “*Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven, and whose sins are covered; blessed is the man against whom the Lord will not count his sin*” (**Romans 4:7-8 ESV**).

In Christ this provision has been adequately secured. Peter noted that “*love covers a multitude of sins*” (**I Peter 4:8**). Though Peter was noting the kind of love we are to exercise, this is most assuredly true regarding the great love of God in providing the complete forgiveness we need. Though the life insurance of this realm may help the family with expenses and support when we are gone, God’s “Eternal Life” insurance pays us the benefit beyond this realm. Praise God, in Christ, He has us *covered*!

Have a great day having accepted the policy that truly saves!

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THE INFALLIBILITY OF THE BIBLE

There have been many attacks on the Bible down through the ages because the Bible condemns too much of what men love to do. Without the Bible one can do virtually anything he wants to do. Man wants to live as he pleases without being accountable to God. Many want to live as though there is no God. **Psalms 14:1** says, *“The fool has said in his heart, ‘There is no God.’”*

With many people, materialism and humanism have replaced God resulting in unbelief in the Bible. Today unbelief in the Bible is often seen as a badge of courage to be displayed openly and worn proudly. Satan plants seeds of doubt in the minds of people, which result in unbelief. Unbelief is a contagious disease, which causes one to depart from God. **Hebrews 3:12** says, *“Lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief in departing from the living God.”* Unbelief will cause countless souls to be lost in eternity.

The Bible tells us from where all things came, why we are here, how we are to live while here, and where we are going. The Bible is the word of God, which is verbally inspired, infallible, inerrant, all sufficient, and authoritative. The Bible is *“Not in words which man’s wisdom teaches, but which the Holy Spirit teaches”* (**I Corinthians 2:13**). In the Bible, God has told us everything we need so we can please Him and go to Heaven. **II Peter 1:3** says, *“His divine power has given us all things that pertain to life and godliness.”*

Each of us will make the choice to either accept the Bible as our authority in religion or reject it. But we will bear the consequences of our choice. God’s word is the authority or standard by which all people will be judges on Judgment Day. Jesus says in **John 12:48**, *“He who rejects Me, and does not receive My words, has that which judges him, the word that I have spoken will judge him in the last day.”* People may ignore God’s word now, but on Judgment Day they will not be able to ignore it. Happy will be the person who has shown his love for the truth of God’s word and obeyed it. Because the Bible is the pure and inspired word of God it *“is able to save your souls”* (**James 1:21**). But woe be to those who have set it aside.

We must not neglect to follow God’s authoritative word if we want to go to Heaven. **Hebrews 2:3** says, *“How shall we escape if we neglect so great salvation, which at first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed to us by those who heard Him.”* There is no escape if one neglects to believe and obey God’s authoritative and infallible word.

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