



Rockwood Church of Christ

The Proclaimer

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VEGETARIANS

Paul Harvey, much beloved radio personality, once quipped, "Vegetarian is an old Native American word for 'doesn't hunt well.'"

I like vegetables, but I am no vegetarian; I like meat – all kinds. I like beef, pork, chicken, fish, and squirrel. You didn't expect the last one, did you? Did you forget that I grew up in rural Alabama?

I'm convinced that there are many Bible vegetarians today. There is no meat in their diet because they don't hunt well. They do not search or hunt through the Scriptures as they should.

Jesus declared: *"Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life; and they are they which testify of me"* (**John 5:39 KJV**).

Had the Pharisees truly searched, they would have known that Jesus was the long awaited Messiah (**John 7:52**).

In contrast to the Pharisees, the Bereans were great hunters. Of them, Luke records *"These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those were so"* (**Acts 17:11 KJV**).

What about us? How well do we hunt? (**II Timothy 2:15**). Are we Bible vegetarians? If we are searching the Scriptures as we should, there will be plenty of meat in our diets. In fact, there might even be some strong meat or squirrel (**Hebrews 5:12-14**). Don't knock it until you have tried it! It tastes kind of like chicken.

Wade Webster, revised

SEND THE FIRE TRUCK!

In a small eastern Kentucky town, the local police chief also served as part of the Volunteer Fire Department. His job was to answer the phone and in the event of a fire was to ring the fire bell to summon all the volunteer fireman in the county.

On Saturday morning, the phone rang and the chief answered, “Fire department.” Out of the phone came the terrified voice of a woman yelling, “Hurry, send the fire truck!” but immediately she hung up the phone. The chief sat there stunned. “Send it where?”

In a very few minutes, the phone rang again, and the chief answered, “Fire department.” Once more, in hysterical cries, the voice on the other end of the phone cried, “Hurry! Hurry! Send the fire truck,” and again immediately hung up the phone.

The chief was even more perturbed. He ran out into the street and surveyed the scene for a full 360 degrees, looking for smoke. No smoke. Where was the fire? Whose house was going up in flames? Were there children who were in danger? All these things flitted through his mind.

He heard the phone ring again, and on the way back to the station office, he devised a way to keep the lady on the phone long enough to find where to send the fire truck. He grabbed the phone, and yelled, “Where’s the fire?” The voice of the other end returned the yell by saying, “In the kitchen!” and promptly hung up the phone once more.

So much of what is called religion is a lot like this humorous situation. Insufficient information leaves people insufficiently informed, and the lack of information promotes nothing but confusion. *“My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge. Because you have rejected knowledge, I also will reject you from being priest for Me; Because you have forgotten the law of your God, I also will forget your children” (Hosea 4:6).* Only the full truth of God satisfies every situation in life.

It is by “every word” that comes from God’s mouth, that our Lord says life in Him is possible. *“So He humbled you, allowed you to hunger, and fed you with manna which you did not know nor did your fathers know, that He might make you know that man shall not live by bread alone; but man lives by every word that proceeds from the mouth of the LORD” (Deuteronomy 8:3).* It is extremely difficult to know where you are going or how to get there without sufficient information.

Ken Hamilton