

WHERE TO FIND GOD

Mark 12:30 Romans 1:20-25

Introduction: This illustration has been around for a long time, but the application of it is still so applicable. A drunk man was under a streetlight searching for his watch. As people passed by they couldn't help but notice the man looking around on the street and curb, finding out that he had lost his watch, they, one by one, began to help him look. After some time of looking the people told the man that the watch just wasn't there. "Oh, I know that, I lost the watch back down the street a couple blocks but it was dark back there and the light is better here, so I'm looking where the light is better..." Sound stupid and dumb? Well, the application of that little story is to show that people are looking for God the same way the man was looking for his watch...in the wrong place.

I. IT DOESN'T DO ANY GOOD TO LOOK FOR GOD IN THE WRONG PLACES

1. From the highest office of a nation to the lowest class of people, people are looking for God.
2. Many people give up looking for God and call themselves "atheists" saying they worship nothing or any deity of any kind.
3. Every civilization of humanity has worshiped something or some body.
 - The sun, carved idols, a set of rules
 - A nation, money, work, fame
 - Sex, alcohol, food, themselves, etc.
4. "Religion" has been what mankind thinks God is all about.

II. RELIGION IS NOT FROM GOD

1. To some, religion is:
 - lying on a bed of spikes
 - walking on a bed of burning embers
 - throwing infants into a river
 - cutting themselves with knives
 - bowing to images, animals, plants, sun, moon, the stars, etc.
2. Religion started with Cain.
 - Cain substituted what he wanted to offer God instead of what God wanted.
 - Man has been substituting ever since.
 - Man has compromised God's instructions in order to be more acceptable with others.
 - Man deceives others by using Christian words and terminology in religions.
 - Man has the idea that any religion will do as long as a person is sincere.
 - Cain was sincere when he substituted what he wanted instead of what God wanted.

III. CHRISTIANITY IS WHERE GOD WILL BE FOUND

1. God loves every person.
2. God is reaching down to man.
3. Jesus is God's only means of ever knowing Him.
- Jesus is the way, the truth and the life and nobody will ever get to God except through Jesus.
4. Christianity is all God's doings and it is God's only way of ever finding Him.

CONCLUSION:

1. God will never be found in "religion" which is man's way.
2. God will be found only when a person looks for God God's way and that is through His only begotten Son, Jesus.
3. God's Church, made up of those who have found Him, has been given the responsibility of showing those who are looking for God how to find Him.
4. Are you looking for God? Have you found God? If you have found God, then you are to be showing others where and how you found God.