

June 13, 2021 I Corinthians 15:29-34 “Do Not Be Deceived”

PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICAL APPLICATION

Verse 29 is a very difficult verse to understand. To avoid confusion it is important to understand what it is not saying. One may turn to Scripture to learn what it is NOT saying.

1. Nowhere in Scripture does the Word teach that a person can be saved after physically dying.
2. Nowhere in Scripture does the Word teach that a person can be saved by being baptized or that baptism is even a part of salvation. Salvation is by grace through faith and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God, see **Ephesians 2:1-9**. Baptism after salvation is an act of obedience. See **Matthew 28:19-20**.
3. Nowhere in Scripture does the Word teach that a person can be saved by being baptized, much less, that one person can be baptized for the salvation of another. You must be born again! See **John 3:1-18**.
4. Nowhere in Scripture does the Word teach that one person's faith can save someone else. See **Romans 10:8-13**.

Baptism is not an act of salvation, it is an act of obedience to the Lord Jesus. Some people do not have an opportunity to be baptized or may have some unique health reason for not being physically able to be baptized after being saved, for example the thief on the cross. Those who are saved and come to realize that baptism is an act of obedience but refuse to go through with the baptism are simply disobedient.

APPLICATION: Just because this person or that denomination or this other religion does a certain thing, does not make it right. How do we know what is right? Go to the Scriptures, study them, then heed what the Bible teaches. By the way, a lot of what the Bible teaches is not accepted by the world we live in today. Rest assured that the Bible is God's Truth and reliable. Christians must adhere to what the Bible teaches no matter what the cost. A huge lesson is taught in our passage today about not being deceived, evil company corrupts good morals. In the church at Corinth some people were being led astray by others who were heretical in their doctrine, be warned. Some of the most dangerous heresies the enemy spreads today revolve around the deity of Christ Jesus, the eternal security of the believer, and the inerrant, infallible Word of God.

If you know of someone who believes that a person can be truly born again one moment and lost the next, be assured, this person is a heretic. If another says that interpretation of the Bible is up to the person, know that this too is heretical. The Bible teaches against some hot button topics such as: homosexuality, and as in our current study that women are not to be preachers for example. The world teaches that if an unborn child is an inconvenience, just kill it. The Bible values life and life begins at the moment of conception. We as believers have to stand against the murder of the unborn, not popular these days. Teach your children that marriage was ordained by God and is only legitimate when it is between one man and one woman and that believers should not marry unbelievers. You cannot pick and choose. Stand on biblical truths and you will suffer for it, but God will be pleased with you. Meditate on **II Timothy 3:10-17**.