

IN SERVING GOD AND CHRIST THERE IS NO MIDDLE GROUND

INTRODUCTION:

- 1. We live in a day when men talk much about being on middle ground in POLITICS and RELIGION.**
- 2. Men do not want to take a firm stand on religious issues, so they say they are on MIDDLE GROUND.**
- 3. But, no man can serve God and be on MIDDLE GROUND. Matt. 6: 24; Matt. 12:30; Josh. 24:15; Acts 10: 34 – 35**

I. IF YOU ARE SERVING CHRIST OR SATAN TODAY, THERE IS NO MIDDLE GROUND.

- 1. One cannot serve Christ and Satan at the same time. Matt. 6:24; 12:30**
- 2. We are in the service of the one whom we obey. Rom. 6:16**
 - (1) If you are living a life of sin, you are the servant of Satan. John 8:34**
 - A. You are a child of the Devil. I John 3:10; 3:8; Acts 13:10**
 - (2) Satan is your father IF you obey him. John 8:44**
- 3. If we are living an obedient life to Christ we are servants of Christ. Rom. 6:16**
 - (1) Christ's way is easy and light compared to the Devil's way. Matt. 11:30**
 - (2) "*The way of the transgressors is hard...*" Prov. 13:15**

II. THERE IS NO MIDDLE MESSAGE BETWEEN THE TRUTH AND FALSE DOCTRINE.

- 1. There is but ONE BODY OF DOCTRINE which is TRUTH. John 17:17; 8:32**

(1) This body of doctrine is called:

- a. The faith. Acts 6:7; Jude 3**
- b. The Doctrine of Christ. II John 9**
- c. The Truth. John 8:32**
- d. The Gospel. Rom. 1:16**
- e. Sound Doctrine. II Tim. 4:3; Tit. 2:1**
- f. One faith. Eph. 4:4**

**(2) Every man who fails to obey the gospel of Christ will be lost.
II Thess. 1: 7 – 9; Mk. 16 : 16**

**(3) Only those who do the will of God will be saved.
Matt. 7: 21 – 23**

**2. Jesus wants every man to understand that no human doctrine can
SAVE the SOUL of anyone.**

(1) The doctrines of men make worship VAIN. Matt. 15:9

**(2) No one can teach another gospel without being ACCURSED of
God. Gal. 1: 6 – 9**

**(3) Man will be judged by the Word of Christ, NOT by human
doctrine. John 12: 48; Rom. 2:16**

**(4) God will not tolerate either ADDING to or TAKING FROM
His Word. Rev. 22: 18 – 19; Deut. 4: 2**

3. There is NO MIDDLE MESSAGE between truth and error.

**III. THERE IS NO MIDDLE CLASS OF PEOPLE BETWEEN THE SAVED
OR UNSAVED.**

1. The saved have obeyed the gospel. I Cor. 15: 1 – 4; Mk. 16: 15 – 16

(1) They have been added to the Church. Acts 2: 47

(2) They are living faithful lives. Rev. 2:10; II Tim. 4: 6 – 8

2. The unsaved have not obeyed the gospel.

(1) They are LOST. II Thess. 1: 8 – 9

(2) They are in their sins. John 8:21

(3) They are NOT in the church. Eph. 5:23

3. The people who have obeyed the gospel, and are living UNFAITHFUL lives, are in and UNSAVED CONDITON. John 15:6

IV. THERE IS NO MIDDLE GROUND BETWEEN THE WIDE GATE AND BROAD WAY, AND THE STRAIGHT GATE AND NARROW WAY. Matt. 7: 13 – 14

1. The wide gate and broad way is entered when men sin. I John 3:4; Rom. 3:23

2. One can enter the wide gate and broad way by countless ways of sinning.

3. ANY DISOBEDIENCE to the Word of God will cause one to enter the wide gate and broad way.

4. The broad way allows one to be involved in:

(1) False Doctrine

(2) Doing that which is not authorized.

(3) In Denominationalism.

(4) The Works of the Flesh.