

Camouflage – A hiding place. (January 22, 2011 – Camo Sunday)

Speak about a term used by military personnel.

We will speak of the same term used in zoology.

camouflage –noun

1. the act, means, or result of obscuring things to deceive an enemy.
2. concealment by some means that alters or obscures the appearance:
3. a device or stratagem used for concealment:
4. clothing made of fabric with a mottled design, usually in shades of green and brown, similar to that used in military camouflage.

Camouflage – is always negative, meant to mislead, conceal, or cover up.

The grand master of deception is Satan. **John 8:44 ... the devil....for he is a liar, and the father of it.**

Acts 4:10 *Be it known unto you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom ye crucified, whom God raised from the dead, even by him doth this man stand here before you whole.*

11 This is the stone which was set at nought of you builders, which is become the head of the corner.

12 Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.

Acts 10:40 *Him God raised up the third day, and shewed him openly;*

41 Not to all the people, but unto witnesses chosen before of God, even to us, who did eat and drink with him after he rose from the dead.

42 And he commanded us to preach unto the people, and to testify that it is he which was ordained of God to be the Judge of quick and dead.

43 To him give all the prophets witness, that through his name whosoever believeth in him shall receive remission of sins.

No one can remit sins except Jesus. God raised up (a resurrection)

In Acts 4 – Peter was talking mostly to the unconverted.

In Acts 10 – Peter was talking to the house of Cornelius.

whereby we must be saved- must - bound to - necessity - required - compelled - forced to, by requirement.

- Good things often Camouflage the fact the we MUST be saved.
- We often make the mistake of thinking we are worth more than we are...

Camouflage or Substitute for

For Clothing - Rayon - Acetate - Nylon - Acrylic - Polyester - Carbon fiber

For Food - Synthetic colors (FD&C and D&C colors) - Synthetic flavors - Synthetic preservatives (BHA, BHT, and TBHQ) - Artificial sweeteners (Aspartame, Neotame, and Splenda)

For Religion – Politics – Self revelation – Self gratification – Denial

5 – Camouflage (5 things we camouflage for salvation)

1. Service in NOT salvation.

Matthew 23:15 *Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye compass sea and land to make one proselyte, and when he is made, ye make him twofold more the child of hell than yourselves.*

The Pharisees were after numbers without follow-up, all they wanted was to name conversions. What is out intentions? Is it maybe Self- righteousness or a Competitive spirit.

Service is required of all but it does not save us.

2. Making a Change is NOT Salvation. (turning over a new leaf, ect.)

Isaiah 64:6 *¶But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away.*

We are required to change – even by God however Making a change in NOT Salvation.

3. Right thinking is NOT Salvation.

As we grow our thinking changes. And needs to! However we cannot allow pride to creep in and destroy our thinking.

Psalms 51:1 *¶<<To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David, when Nathan the prophet came unto him, after he had gone in to Bathsheba.>> Have mercy upon me, O God, according to thy lovingkindness: according unto the multitude of thy tender mercies blot out my transgressions.*

2 *Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.*

3 *For I acknowledge my transgressions: and my sin is ever before me.*

4 *Against thee, thee only, have I sinned, and done this evil in thy sight: that thou mightest be justified when thou speakest, and be clear when thou judgest.*

5 *Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me.*

6 *Behold, thou desirest truth in the inward parts: and in the hidden part thou shalt make me to know wisdom.*

Jeremiah speaking...**Jeremiah 17:9** *The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?*

Paul speaking...**Romans 7:24** **O** wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death?

Isaiah 55:6 *¶Seek ye the LORD while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near:*

7 *Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the LORD, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.*

8 *For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the LORD.*

9 *For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.*

God requires us the think right however Right thinking is NOT Salvation

4. Denying our self in NOT Salvation.

Colossians 2:18 *Let no man beguile you of your reward in a voluntary humility and worshipping of angels, intruding into those things which he hath not seen, vainly puffed up by his fleshly mind,*

19 *And not holding the Head, from which all the body by joints and bands having nourishment ministered, and knit together, increaseth with the increase of God.*

20 *Wherefore if ye be dead with Christ from the rudiments of the world, why, as though living in the world, are ye subject to ordinances,*

21 *(Touch not; taste not; handle not;*

22 *Which all are to perish with the using;) after the commandments and doctrines of men?*

23 *Which things have indeed a shew of wisdom in will worship, and humility, and neglecting of the body; not in any honour to the satisfying of the flesh.*

Matthew 16:24 *¶Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any man will come after me, let him deny*

himself, and take up his cross, and follow me.

25 For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it.

26 For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?

1 Corinthians 9:24 ¶ Know ye not that they which run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize? So run, that ye may obtain.

Discipline and Self-Denial is necessary to stop sinning... however Denying our self in NOT Salvation.

5. Sacrifice is NOT Salvation.

Romans 5:7 For scarcely for a righteous man will one die: yet peradventure for a good man some would even dare to die.

1 Corinthians 13:3 And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not charity, it profiteth me nothing.

Love is more than important sacrifice..

1 Samuel 15:22 And Samuel said, Hath the LORD as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams.

Some will say, "I want to follow the Lord" or "I'm just going to feel it out" this is self-will.

John 10:9 I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture.

Acts 4:12 Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.

Sacrifice is necessary to obey the Lord however Sacrifice is NOT Salvation

To pull it all together.

Luke 17:5 And the apostles said unto the Lord, Increase our faith.

6 And the Lord said, If ye had faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye might say unto this sycamine tree, Be thou plucked up by the root, and be thou planted in the sea; and it should obey you.

7 But which of you, having a servant plowing or feeding cattle, will say unto him by and by, when he is come from the field, Go and sit down to meat?

8 And will not rather say unto him, Make ready wherewith I may sup, and gird thyself, and serve me, till I have eaten and drunken; and afterward thou shalt eat and drink?

9 Doth he thank that servant because he did the things that were commanded him? I trow not.

10 So likewise ye, when ye shall have done all those things which are commanded you, say, We are unprofitable servants: we have done that which was our duty to do.

It's our duty to obey the laws and commands of the Lord.

Ephesians 2:10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.

If we do the works only we are camouflaged into thinking by doing good works God owes us Salvation.

Things God ordained we should do but can't save us... only the blood of Jesus and applying the plan of salvation stated in Acts 2:38 and living an overcoming lifestyle can save us..