OUR ATTITUDE
Psalms 1

INTRODUCTION:

A. Definition: A mental position with regard to a fact or state – A feeling or emotion toward a fact or state
B. Our attitude is our disposition, actions and reactions toward the problems of life
C. Our attitude is very important for it controls our living, fixes our character and determines our destiny
D. We must then form the proper attitude toward religion

DISCUSSION:

I. WHAT IS OUR ATTITUDE TOWARD THE BIBLE (book of books) THE WORD OF GOD?
- A. The Truth is the word of God Jhn 17:17
  1. Christ is talking to God in prayer
  2. Thy word is truth
- B. Do we love the truth 2Thess 2:10
  1. Our delight will be in the Law of the Lord Psa 1:2
  2. We will want to hear it plainly Jhn 16:29; Jas 1:19
  3. We will be willing to study 2Tim 2:15; Acts 17:11
- C. Do we realize its value Jhn 8:32; Mk 8:36
  1. We will be willing and prepare to teach it Jude 3; 2Tim 2:24
  2. Will not be ashamed of it Rom 1:16
  3. Will be willing to live it 3Jhn 4

II. WHAT IS OUR ATTITUDE TOWARD ERROR OR SIN?
- A. Do we tolerate error 1Cor 5:1-7
  1. Paul did not tolerate it
  2. He called attention to error Gal 2:11-14
  3. We must purge out the old leaven
- B. Do we love or encourage error or sin 1Jhn 2:15,16
  1. Love not the world, neither things in the world
  2. Young people have problems in this area
     - a. Laugh at filthy jokes to be one of the crowd
     - b. This encourages more of the same
- C. Do we hate error or sin
  1. Hate every false way Psa 119:104
  2. Abhor that which is evil Rom 12:9
  3. Shun the appearance of evil 1Thess 5:22
     - a. Young (and old) walk away when dirty jokes start
     - b. You will be respected for it later
  4. Be not conformed to this world Rom 12:2

III. WHAT IS OUR ATTITUDE TOWARD THOSE WHO TEACH OR PRACTICE ERROR
- A. Do we defend their teaching because we love the person
- B. Do we aid or encourage them 2Jhn 9-11
- C. Do we give place or subject ourselves to them Gal 2:4,5
- D. Do we try to convert them from error 2Tim 2:24,25
- E. Do we mark them which cause division or teach error Rom 16:17; Tit 3:10

IV. WHAT IS OUR ATTITUDE TOWARD THE WORK OF THE CHURCH AND OUR BRETHREN
- A. Let someone else do it
  1. Work out your own salvation Phil 2:12
  2. Save yourselves Acts 2:40
  3. Must do our part for Christ to do his
- B. Do just as little as I can? (2-5 on Sunday afternoon) 1Pet 4:18 (Scarcely = with difficulty)
- C. As much as lieth in us we must be ready Rom 1:15
- D. Love our brethren Rom 12:10; 1Pet 1:22; 3:8

V. WHAT IS OUR ATTITUDE TOWARD WORSHIP? Jhn 4:23,24
- A. Are we careless, indifferent, irreverent
  1. Worship is used in the New Testament to describe homage to God
  2. When used toward God is means REVERENCE, A FEELING OF AWE OR DEVOTION, TO SERVE OR RENDER RELIGIOUS SERVICE.
  3. I wonder just how many of us have the proper attitude toward worship to God
- B. Is worship to God just a necessity to miss hell or do we enjoy worshipping God Psa 122:1

CONCLUSION:

A. Our worship must be REVERENT, we must be willing to WORK in the Lord's vineyard, Try to CONVERT those in error, while we HATE their false teaching or sin, and we must have a LOVE for the truth that will cause us to live and teach it.
B. Our attitude is very important, for it is demonstrated to the world by our actions
C. If because of a bad attitude we have become involved in things not right we need to correct this
D. If it was of such a nature that it brought shame and reproach on the Church it needs to be corrected publicly
E. If you have never obeyed your Lord this is a demonstration that you have an attitude of unbelief