

Dr. Lewis R. Woodard asks the question:
HOW DUMB IS DUMB?



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There was a comedian who said when he was asked a dumb question, or received a dumb answer about something, he would say "Here's your sign!". He said the sign was a "dumb" sign. I don't know about you, but there have been times when I wanted to give someone a "dumb" sign. In fact, today, there is possibly not enough signs to go around!

Let me ask you a question: "How dumb is dumb?" The reason I ask is not only because of the way people are electing people in government, but also how people accept "anything goes" in their local church. People are electing people to government offices without knowing who they are or what they stand for. And in fact, people don't seem to care much after they find out the person they voted for is nothing more than a charlatan, or worse, a down and outright fraud. It is a sad situation when people vote again for the same person who they complain about as being "no good". **"HOW DUMB IS DUMB?"**

Now to me what is even more mind boggling is how people in a local church can support a Pastor, and other leaders, after they have been warned to get away from such people who have compromised their stand for the Word of God. In fact, the Bible plainly says that there are leaders, and Pastors, who are wolves in sheep's clothing (**Acts 20:29** For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock. **Matthew 7:15** Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves.).

I have personally warned individuals about the dangers of false teachers, preachers, and Pastors. I have warned people by preaching, teaching, and with "one on one" personal contact. I have never neglected to declare the whole counsel of God. I have presented the Word of God as the final authority. And by the way, the Word of God is not up for "personal" interpretation (**2 Peter 1:20** Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation.). I do not speak as "an interpreter" of the Word of God, but one who is called of God to declare His whole counsel.

When someone who is in authority in a local church says a Biblical doctrine such as the doctrine of separation is a "preference" instead of "thus saith the Lord", then that person is either a novice when it comes to the Word of God, or that person knowingly is leading people down the wrong path! God help that Pastor who is a compromiser when it comes to preaching the whole counsel of God! Biblical separation **does not teach** us that we are not to deal with the unsaved. Biblical separation **does teach** us that we are not to act like the unsaved, look like the unsaved, or even talk like the unsaved (using the name of the Lord for anything other than praising Him). We are not to frequent those places that the unsaved go for amusement: pubs, dance halls, clubs, rock concerts, and etc. Saved people are Ambassadors for Christ (**2 Corinthians 5:20** Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God.). Saved people are not to act like ambassadors of the devil. (**1 Corinthians 10:20-21** But I say, that the things which the Gentiles sacrifice, they sacrifice to devils, and not to God: and I would not that ye should have fellowship with devils. Ye cannot drink the cup of the Lord, and the cup of devils: ye cannot be partakers of the Lord's table, and of the table of devils.) **"HOW DUMB IS DUMB?"**

If a person is saved, there is no excuse for following someone who refuses to declare the whole counsel of God. I know people who are being misled into believing that as a Christian they can do the same things the unsaved do and still retain their testimony for the Lord. **WAKE UP!** How will you reach the unsaved? Why would an unsaved person want what you have? If what you are offering hasn't changed you, why would anyone think what you have would help them? You may say "*I will love them*". What good is it to love someone when that love is not an unfeigned (*unpretentious*) love? If you really love people, you will not only show them the Love of God through the Scriptures, you will also show them the Love of God through your CHRISTIAN lifestyle. If the unsaved person can't see your life as having been changed by the power of God, then how can they believe you when you say they can have eternal life? Has He changed you? Are you still living like the unsaved? You don't reach the unsaved by being like them. Paul said "*To the weak became I as weak, that I might gain the weak: I am made all things to all men, that I might by all means save some.*" (1 Corinthians 9:22). If you think what Paul was saying that he did what the unsaved did so he could win them, then you have been led astray by "*wishy washy*" preaching. You need to study the Word of God. Being "*made all things to all men*" does not involve compromise of God's truth concerning Christ and His Gospel. People are not really won to the true Christ and His saving Gospel by compromising with the beliefs and behaviors of the ungodly world.

Some Christians really believe going to a rock concert is okay to do. Moses didn't think the rock concert he and Joshua heard was okay as they came down from the mountain after receiving the Ten Commandments. Some believe rock music, or any form of music, is okay as long as the name "*Christian*" is used. Moses didn't think all types of music were acceptable to an Almighty, Holy God. In Exodus, Chapter 32, Aaron listened to the people and gave them what they wanted. They wanted to have what they had in Egypt: **sin**. They rose up to **play** (unholy sexual activity). The Bible goes on to say that intermingled with the "**play**", the people worshiped the golden calf and in connection with the worship of the calf, they were singing and dancing. You might be thinking: "*wait a minute. These people were not Christian how can they be compared to today?*" I am glad you asked that question. Remember earlier when I said we must listen to the whole counsel of God and believe it? Egypt in the Bible is a type of the world (unsaved-sin). The people wanted to be like they once were in the land of Egypt: **sinful**. Some Christians today want to go back to Egypt (doing what the world does, what **they** once did). Aaron would be a type of Pastor who gives the people what they want instead of what they need. (God help that Pastor who does what the people want instead of doing what God says. A Pastor is instructed by God to give people what they need [Godly direction] not what the old sinful nature wants (2 Timothy 4:2 **Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine.**). The people (Exodus 32) sang and danced. Some Christians today want to sing and dance. Note that in Exodus 32, the singing was so loud that Joshua thought the people were at war with someone. Moses said no, it is not the sound of war, it is the sound of music. (Folks, when music sounds like there is a war going on, something is wrong!) There is a difference in music, and it is proven in Scripture especially in Exodus, Chapter 32. When today's Christian listens to, or partakes in "*Christian rock concerts*", what would Joshua think and what would Moses say? Joshua would think there was a war going on. Moses would call it like it is: **sin!** The Lord's reaction to what the people were doing was this: **Exodus 32:9-10** *And the LORD said unto Moses, I have seen this people, and, behold, it is a stiffnecked people: 10 Now therefore let me alone, that my wrath may wax hot against them, and that I may consume them: and I will make of thee a great nation.* The Lord was saying "I will wipe them out for their ungodliness!" But, Moses interceded on behalf of the people and the Lord did not have everyone slain. However, about three thousand men did die because of the sin of the people. In addition, for worshiping the golden calf instead of God, God pronounced a plague upon the people. Thank God for those Godly people today who intercede for others who are not following God's precepts found in His Word: the Bible.

Rocking out, singing, dancing ("mosh pits": passing girls around, feeling them as they go overhead of those "*Christian*"(?) *party-ers!*), alcohol and oh yes: nakedness. Nakedness is not only present in Exodus 32, it is present at many so called "*Christian*" concerts. Oh, I see, you haven't taken time to check up on your favorite "*Christian*" rock band to find out what really goes on during the concert and backstage.

By the way, alcohol is present at many so called “Christian” concerts. (If you don’t believe what I am writing, you probably won’t even take the time to check out what I am saying. Go ahead, stick your head in the sand. As R.G. Lee preached “Pay Day Someday”)



Have you ever considered questioning your Pastor about anything? Or, do you simply follow because he is the leader?

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Does your Pastor approve of rock music, mosh pits, acting like the world, and etc.? Or does he “crawfish” by saying something like, “I don’t like that kind of music, but I don’t see anything wrong with it. I don’t want to deprive our young people from having fun.” Is your Pastor forth coming when you ask him about church finances and how they are spent? Does he say: “you are a trouble maker, backbiter, causing division” if you ask questions concerning the operation of your local church? **COME ON!**

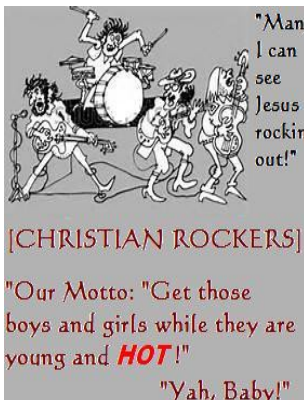
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One more thing: if you know there are doctrinal problems within your local church; if you know people have left your church because of untruths; if you know people have left your church because your Pastor told them to leave if they disagreed with any decisions being made by him or another leader; if you “feel” you need to stay even though you know there are unscriptural things going on in your church; if after you have examined these things and other problems and your answer is “my Pastor is a good man. My pastor makes mistakes, but I am behind him 100%. After all, there are no other good churches in the area. I am staying in my local church. Blah, blah, blah, blah, blah.” I have heard many excuses for excusing sin. Let me remind you: If you know things are not right in your local church (doctrinal, untruths, misleading information, just plain ungodliness), and you continue to support that work with your presence and finances, then you are as guilty as those who are leading people in the wrong direction in your church! (**James 4:17** Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin.)

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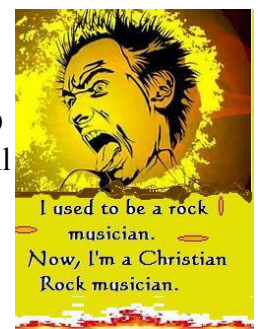
One place to check up on your church leadership is to read your church Constitution and Bylaws. If your church leadership is deviating from the Constitution and Bylaws that is supposed to be based upon the Scriptures, then there is a problem. Where there is one problem, there could be others.

CHECK UP! IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY!



By the way, do you remember the old saying: “SEX, DRUGS, AND ROCK & ROLL?” You still think so called “Christian” rock and roll is all right, Mom, Dad, Grandma, Grandpa? **“Here’s your sign!”**

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Please read the next page: **“Make Sure Of Heaven”**

MAKE SURE OF HEAVEN

Question: Who is a sinner? **Answer: ALL**

Romans 3:23 **"For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;"**

Question: Why are people sinners? **Answer: BECAUSE OF ONE MAN: ADAM**

Romans 5:12 **"Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:"**

Question: What happens because of sin? **Answer: DEATH**

Romans 6:23a **"For the wages of sin is death;...."**

Question: If all people are sinners, and the wage (payoff) for sin is death (both physical and spiritual), does that mean no one will go to Heaven? **Answer: NO, CHRIST PAID FOR OUR SIN**

Romans 5:8 **"But God Commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us."**

Question: What is eternal life? **Answer: A GIFT**

Romans 6:23b **"...but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."**

Question: So, what does all this mean? **Answer: It means that all people in this world are sinners. No one can go to Heaven on their own because everyone is a sinner. No one is good enough (without Christ) to go to Heaven. Because no one is good enough to go to Heaven, (everyone is a sinner), God sent His Son, Jesus, who died so that we could have eternal life. Christ not only died, He rose from the grave, alive!**

Question: Exactly what would you have to do in order to make sure of Heaven?

Answer: CALL: PRAY, ASK JESUS TO SAVE YOU:

Romans 10:13 **"For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved."**

Accept the fact that you are a sinner. Accept the fact that you cannot save yourself. Accept the fact that Jesus died and rose from the dead (He's alive) for you.

PRAY SOMETHING LIKE THE FOLLOWING AND MEAN IT IN YOUR HEART: *"Lord, I know I'm a sinner. I believe you died for me, shed your blood, and rose from the dead so I could have eternal life. Please forgive me of my sins, and come into my heart. I am praying this prayer, believing in my heart, taking You at Your Word (the Bible) that by asking You to come into my heart, I am now ready for Heaven.*

Thank You, Lord, for saving me!"

REMEMBER: Romans 10:13 **"For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord, shall be saved."**

If you have decided to ask Jesus into your heart or if you have not decided at this time, please allow me to send you, absolutely free, more information about going to Heaven. Write to me at the address below or go to our website: WWW.LRWM.ORG.

Be sure to include a return address so I can mail you the information.

Because of Christ,

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