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TRUTH OR CONSEQUENCES

When I was a boy, there was a TV Program called "Truth or Consequences". In fact that program ran from 1940 to 1988. It was first on radio then on TV. When I watched it Bob Barker was the host. He would ask the contestants a "silly" question, which was almost impossible to answer. Then when they would give the wrong answer, they would suffer the consequences. When the program would come on, the word truth would have a halo around it. Then the word consequences would have horns over it - Truth or Consequences.

I would like to call your attention to a passage in the Bible that expresses that same thing - Truth or Consequences! This is found in Galatians 6:7. "Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap." I want to apply that verse starting at the end and going back to the beginning of that verse. Three main things I see:

I. **Sovereign Law.** Number one, there is the Sovereign Law - "for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap." There are three important truths in this law of the harvest:

1. You reap what you sow.
2. You reap more than you sow.
3. You reap later than you sow.

II. **Solemn Warning.** Number two is a solemn warning, "God is not mocked." Let me give you the Explanation of it, it means to mock God. The word mock means to make fun of something or someone. In the original, the word meant "to turn up your nose, sneer in disdain, express disgust, and flaunt it in someone's face.

I believe we are seeing Examples of that right before our eyes today. In America God is being mocked by all the abortions (murdering unborn babies), same sex marriage, legalizing drug use, and internet pornography. But, there is the promise that God will Execute His Judgement upon those that mock Him. Galatians 6:8 says "For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption."

III. **Satanic Deception.** Number three, there is the Satanic Deception - "Be not deceived." Satan is described as the great deceiver in Revelation 12:9. "And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him." The Bible warns us in Hebrews 3:13 that we are not to be overcome through the deceitfulness of SIN. Hollywood and the world try to make sin look great and fun and wonderful. Satan knows his days are limited and his time is short, so he is working overtime to deceive the world through sin. Then, I believe Satan is doing everything he can to deceive people about Salvation. So I am asking you, are you saved? Do you know you are saved? How do you know that you are saved?

The Bible says you must repent of your sin. (Luke 13:3 and Acts 20:21) Then the Bible says you must believe on the Lord Jesus Christ. (Acts 16:31) Then you must receive Jesus Christ into your heart as your Lord and Savior. (John 1:12 and Romans 10:9-10)

Truth or Consequences!! Bob Barker would always close the program by saying, "I hope all your consequences will be good!" **If you know Jesus and live for Jesus, the consequences will be good!!**

Schedule

July 10	Redemption Church, North Mobile	Saraland AL	Aug 7 - 10	Tabernacle Baptist Church	Wilson NC
July 17-20	First Baptist Church	Carrollton MS	Aug 14 - 17	First Baptist Church	McKenzie TN
July 24	First Baptist Church	McDonough GA	Aug 21-24	Leonia Baptist Church	Westville FL
Jul 31 - Aug 3	Friendship Baptist Church	Grenada MS	Aug 28-31	Randolph County Associational Crusade	Asheboro NC