

The Right Combination

Introduction

1. With many things the right combination is a necessity.
 - A. The right combination of hydrogen and oxygen is needed to produce water.
 - B. It takes the right combination to open a combination lock.
 - 1) **Combination Lock**
2. Jesus tells us that it takes the right combination of spirit and truth in order for us to properly worship God.
 - A. For man to be saved from sin - it takes the right combination.
3. We know from the Bible that all have sinned and come short of the glory of God (**Romans 3:23**).
 - A. We also know that the wages of sin is death (**Romans 6:23**).
4. At this time, let's look at man, a man that is lost in sin, faced with four different combinations before him.
 - A. It is up to this man to choose the right combination if he is to save his soul. There is only one right combination!

Wrong Attitude plus Error

Won't even try- doesn't have the right numbers

1. **Many are in error because they do not want the truth.**
2. **Some during the time of Christ hardened their hearts and closed their eyes to the truth.**
Matthew 13:13-15
3. **The Pharisees showed that their worship was in vain because they had the wrong attitude plus error. The same is true of man today.**

Matthew 15:8-9 These people draw near to Me with their mouth, and honor Me with their lips, but their heart is far from Me. And in vain they worship Me, teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.

Wrong Attitude plus Truth

Know the numbers, yet will not do it

1. **One may have the truth but if his attitude is wrong, he cannot be saved. This would not be the right combination.**
2. **The rich young ruler's attitude toward truth was such that he prized his money above the truth. He had the truth, but the wrong attitude.**
Matthew 19:16-22
3. **Stephen's audience knew he spoke the truth but because of their attitude would not believe and repent. (Acts 7:1-60)**
 - A. **Verse 51: Stiffnecked and uncircumcised in heart!**
4. **Many in the church fall into this category; they know the truth but have the wrong attitude.**

Right Attitude plus Error

Willing to open, but don't have the right numbers

- 1. This is where many people in the religious world are today. They are as honest and sincere as they can be, but if they follow error, they will be lost.**
- 2. Saul of Tarsus was a sincere and honest man, but he was wrong because he followed Judaism.**

Acts 23:1 Then Paul, looking earnestly at the council, said, "Men and brethren, I have lived in all good conscience before God until this day."

Acts 26:9-10 "Indeed, I myself thought I must do many things contrary to the name of Jesus of Nazareth. This I also did in Jerusalem, and many of the saints I shut up in prison, having received authority from the chief priests; and when they were put to death, I cast my vote against them.

- 3. The Ethiopian Eunuch was a religious man who had the right attitude, but he had to change his religion before he could be saved. He had to show his faith by his action.**

Acts 8:26-39

- A. Before this he had the right attitude but was in error.**

Right Attitude plus Truth

Wants to open and has the right numbers

- 1. This is the right combination, the only one that will open the door of heaven for us.**
- 2. The Bereans hungered and thirsted after righteousness - as we should do.**

Acts 17:11 These were more fair-minded than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness, and searched the Scriptures daily to find out whether these things were so.

- 3. Those that were pricked in their hearts, repented, and were baptized on Pentecost had the right combination. They **WANTED** to know what to do!**
Acts 2:5, 37-38, 40-41

Conclusion

Combinations 1,2, and 3 are not the right combination for salvation and lead only to condemnation!

Combination number 4 is the only one that will lead to Salvation!

- 1. Won't you open your heart to receive the truth of God's Word, believe it, and then obey what has been put forth for you to do?**

