

# Seven “Blunders” of Man

## Introduction

The "seven wonders" of the ancient world excite one's imagination.

1. The Pyramids of Egypt (the only one of the original "seven wonders" still standing) were memorial tombs for the powerful Pharaohs.
2. The Hanging Gardens of Babylon. Built by king Nebuchadnezzar to make his wife feel at home.
3. The Statue of Zeus, carved at the sight of the first Olympic games, was more than forty feet high.
4. The Temple of Diana at Ephesus, took more than 120 years to build, and was more than 400 feet long decorated with gold and jewels.

A few others.

Someone has proposed a different list of "modern day wonders of the world" that include:

1. Mt. Everest.
2. Victoria Falls.
3. The Grand Canyon.
4. The Great Barrier Reef.
5. Mammoth Cave , and others.

A list of modern achievements of man might also include:

1. The Suez Canal
2. The Eiffel Tower
3. The Golden Gate Bridge
4. Television and Computers
5. Space Flight, etc.

I want to study with you for a few moments about the **"Seven Blunders"** of man. These are seven attitudes, which I have chosen because they are fairly common in our society, and because they have such momentous and eternal consequences! **WHAT IS OUR ATTITUDE TOWARD THESE THINGS?**

## **Rejecting Jesus as God's Son**

### **Matthew 1:18-24**

John 8:24 "Therefore I said to you that you will die in your sins; for **if you do not believe that I am He**, you will die in your sins."

John 14:6 Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.

Acts 4:12 "Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."

## Thinking Our Own Goodness Can Save!

1. Since **"all have sinned, and fall short of the glory of God"** (Romans 23), all are in need of the redemption that is found in and through Jesus Christ.

A. The Hebrew writer wrote:

Hebrews 9:22 ..... "and without shedding of blood there is no remission."

B. After saying that **"all have sinned.."** Paul wrote:  
**Romans 3:24-26**

2. The classic case of one who was very religious and very moral and yet had to **"hear words whereby he and his house may be saved"** was of course, Cornelius (Acts 10:1-6; Acts 11:14).

A. Morality, although a great virtue in any society, will not remove that first sin. Once we reach the "age of accountability" then our sins must be forgiven and the only cleansing agent is the blood of Jesus Christ as noted above (Romans 5:9).

1) Jesus said:

Matthew 26:28 "For this is My blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.

## Looking Only at Things Seen.....Here and Now Only

### 1. Paul contrasts the physical and the spiritual, saying:

2 Corinthians 4:18 while we do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. **For the things which are seen are temporary**, but the things which are not seen are eternal.

- A. **We live in a materialistic society - we must be careful because we can fall into worldliness.**
- B. **God knows we have need of a certain amount of this world's goods and provides those for us in abundance.**
  - 1) **But He doesn't want us to begin to "trust in riches" for if we do, we will fail to enter heaven.**
  - 2) **Therefore, Jesus warns against putting undue emphasis on this world and its things (Matthew 6:33).**
  - 3) **Jesus told a parable about a "rich fool":**  
**Luke 12:15-21**
  - 4) **He admonished us not to "lay up treasures on earth" in the sense that this man did, (Matthew 6:19-20).**
  - 5) **Earthly treasures will all pass with the using.**  
**2 Peter 3:10-13**
  - 6) **Paul wrote that the "love of money is the root of all kinds of evil" (1 Timothy 6:7-10).**

## Thinking That Faith Only Will Save Us!

1. What about grace?
2. What about blood?
3. What about repentance?
  - A. There are several things by which we are said to be saved. We are not saved by any one of them to the exclusion of the others commanded by the same Lord!  
**James 1:18-25; 2:14-26**
  - B. Christ is the author of eternal salvation to all who obey Him, (Hebrews 5:9; Matthew 7:21-23).

## Thinking the Church Is Unnecessary to Our Salvation

1. The church doesn't save of course, but the church is the saved (Acts 2:47; Colossians 1:13-14; Ephesians 2:13-17; Ephesians 4:1-6)

Ephesians 5:23 For the husband is head of the wife, as also Christ is head of the church; and **He is the Savior of the body.**

2. If just one soul may be saved and not be a part of that which Christ is the Savior, then two could or three, or ten thousand.
  - A. Christ's blood purchased this relationship (Ephesians 5:25; Acts 20:28).
    - 1) Is Christ's blood non-essential? The fact is, He is coming back to get his bride the church. Just as those who were saved in Noah's day were saved in the ark, so it is today that the saved are "in Christ".

## Thinking We Are Too Bad for Christ to Save Our Soul!

1. **How bad do you suppose the Jews on Pentecost were? They were "murderers and betrayers of the sinless Son of God Almighty!"**

Acts 2:23 "Him, being delivered by the determined purpose and foreknowledge of God, you have taken by lawless hands, have crucified, and put to death;

Acts 7:52 "Which of the prophets did your fathers not persecute? And they killed those who foretold the coming of the Just One, of whom you now have become the betrayers and murderers,

2. **Don't forget about the one who called himself the "chief of sinners," the apostle Paul (1 Timothy 1:15).**
  - A. **Saul guarded the garments of those who stoned Stephen to death.**
    - 1) **Any sin of which you are willing to repent, you may be forgiven of by obeying the gospel of Christ.**

## Thinking We'll Submit to Christ One Day but We Have Lots of Time:

1. **Are we really sure that we have lots of time to yield to Jesus? Stop and think about it!**
  - A. **Several years ago there was a young UNM football player that went out with a few of his football friends and dived into a pool of water, and never came up.**
    - 1) **He may have thought his life would continue for many years to come. After all, he was young. Solomon admonished "Remember now thy creator in the days of thy youth..." (Ecclesiastes 12:1).**
2. **Young or older, we have no promise of another day or another opportunity to yield our lives to the king of kings and Lord of Lords!**
  - A. **Life is a vapor says James (James 4:13-15).**
  - B. **The Hebrew writer warns:**

Hebrews 3:13 but exhort one another daily, while it is called "Today," lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin.
  - C. **The apostle Paul says:**

2 Corinthians 6:2 Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.
  - D. **Felix was terrified at what Paul taught him but still procrastinated, saying, "go your way for this time; and when I have a convenient season I will call for you.." (Acts 24:25).**
    - 1) **Did that season ever come? So far as we know it did not!**

## **Conclusion**

- 1. I am here to encourage all of us not to commit any one of these great blunders.**
  - A. If we reject Christ today - we have committed an enormous blunder.**
  - B. Paul wrote:**

2 Corinthians 5:10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.

**1) We will appear before Christ and Christ Himself said:**

John 12:48 "He who rejects Me, and does not receive My words, has that which judges him-- the word that I have spoken will judge him in the last day.

- 2. Are you ready to serve and live for Christ today? If not, you'll have to live forever with your blunder.**

