

Ben Nevis



Ben Nevis is the tallest mountain in Great Britain. It is often referred to as the gateway to the Scottish Highlands. In Gaelic, the name probably means venomous, which word would well describe its rough terrain, twisting trails and sheer cliffs. The mountains rugged beauty draws hikers to it like iron to a magnet.

Recently, a British magazine entitled Hiking featured an article about Ben Nevis in which they gave specific directions on how to descend from its summit. As the directions were originally written they were capable of guiding hikers safely down the mount. They would have been particularly invaluable to someone struggling in foul weather.

However to make room in the magazine for advertising, critical parts of the directions were edited out to save space. The directions as printed were deadly in error. Instead of leading unsuspecting hikers to safety, anyone following them would be guided to step off a cliff and fall thousands of feet to certain death.

Mountains because of their great height demand our respect. If you are going hiking in the mountains you want directions that are dependable because being in error can cost your life.

The Bible is Gods great text of directions for mankind. In its inspired pages we can find all we need to set us on the path that will lead to eternal life. We can safely depend on all

However, a very real danger is that men in the pride of their hearts set themselves up to be judges of what really belongs in Gods Word. Instead of submitting to it the way God wants them to, they often decide what parts of it are worthwhile, often ignoring the rest.

Miracles, the deity of Christ, and redemption through blood are all parts of it that many people have, as it were, deleted from the Bible. But each of these truths are so critically important that the way of salvation is utterly lost without them.

Lets look at each of these three truths for a moment and consider why they are so

important to get right.

Miracles are supernatural occurrences that do not follow the normal course of events. The existence of miracles proves the existence of God who cares for mankind and is ready to act in this world. The grand miracle of the Bible is the resurrection of Christ. In the normal course of events when a man died he stayed that way. However when the Lord Jesus died he remained dead in the grave for three days before by the power of God he rose again. His resurrection means everything to the believer because as it says of the Lord Jesus in Romans, Who was delivered for our offences and was raised again for our justification. (Rom 4.25)

In his death he bore the punishment for the sins of those who would trust in him. To show that those sins which God placed on the Lord Jesus are gone forever, God raised him from the dead. What is the living proof that believers are justified and cleared from all their guilt? It is the Lord Jesus Christ risen from the dead. God now sees every believer in him, and in some future moment all those who died in faith will rise out of their graves in like manner to meet their Savior.

The salvation of every soul depends on their acceptance of this, the greatest miracle of all, the resurrection of Christ, If thou shalt confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised him from the dead thou shalt be saved. (Rom 10.9) If you have not yet believed on the Lord Jesus and his resurrection from the dead wont you do so today. Dont let anyone or anything talk you out of giving this precious truth the importance it deserves.

Another great truth many would like to strike from the pages of the Bible is that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. Many men today would like to say that he was nothing more than a great teacher. And here they are deadly wrong. He was a man, and a great teacher; but he will always be more than that. He is the eternal God. As the second person of the triune God he is co-existent, and co-equal to God the Father, and God the Holy Spirit.

This second person of the trinity left the glories of heaven to be born in a manger as an infant. In the wonder of the incarnation, the Son of God became a man. The one who in a past eternity spoke a word and the world leapt into existence, came to earth and spoke Gods word to multitudes of hungry souls. God himself in the person of the Son came into this world seeking for those who had gone astray to bring them back to himself. To make a way that all men might be saved he let himself be led to the cross where he died for sinners. Because he is the Son of God, his death on the cross has an infinite power to cancel the guilt of all those who believe on him.

Dont be of that number that would deny Jesus Christ is the one and only Son of God.

If you at one time have thought that he was only a man it is not too late to change. See the error of your ways, and bow before the Son Of God as your Lord and Savior. The Father sent the Son to be the Savior of the World (1John 4.14) Unless you change your mind about who he is, the deadly error you are following will lead you to eternal destruction. for if ye believe not that I am he, ye shall die in your sins, the Savior said.(Jn 8.24) Oh heed the solemn warning and come to the Son of God as the only way to escape the eternal punishment that all those who die in their sins must suffer. Him that cometh unto me I will in nowise cast out. (Jn.6.37)

Yet another great truth some would like to remove out of the Bible is the idea of redemption by blood. Make no mistake about it. The Bible is clear and plain. Without the shedding of blood there is no remission. (Heb. 9.22) In another place it says, It is the blood that makes atonement for the soul. (Lev.17.11) For those who are so bold as to try to erase this precious truth from the sacred text there will never be any atonement or remission of sin. The sins they have committed will remain like deep, irremovable stains on their hearts.

They might ask forgiveness of the men they have wronged, but that wont bring about the remission of sins in Gods sight. They might realize the error of their ways and change for the better; but that wont redeem their souls from death and judgment. The sins they have committed may fade in their memories, but there is no searching of Gods understanding, and God requireth that which is past. (Eccl.3.15)

He knows all things instantly and perfectly, and in his mind they will ever be as fresh as the moment they were committed. No, there is only one way to get rid of the horrible stain and burden of sin. The sinner must come in faith to Jesus Christ and have their sins washed away in his blood. The blood of Jesus Christ Gods Son cleanseth us from all sin. (1Jn. 1.7) When the Lord Jesus was led to the cross he could have called armies of angels to come and deliver him, but he didnt. He knew that if he didnt let himself be nailed to those pieces of wood there never would have been fountain opened for you and me that could wash away our sins. It is only the blood that was spilled at the cross that can wash us clean.

Those who are washed in the blood are whiter than snow in Gods sight. Come now, and let us reason together saith the Lord Although your sins be as scarlet,they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool. (Isa. 1.18)

Be careful that your pride doesnt blind you from ever seeing your need for washing by the Saviors blood. The Bible clearly says that, All have sinned and come short of the glory of God. (Rom 3.23)You need to have your sins washed away as much as any other man on the face of the earth. If you never trust in Christ and the precious cleansing he made possible at the cross you are not headed to safety but certain death.

Be wise and bow your heart to all the truth in Gods Word. Dont be your own worst enemy by setting yourself up as a judge of God Word. Instead let it judge you and be your guide. You have the privilege of going to its very Author in prayer and asking for help. If you are not yet saved but want to be, it really is very simple. Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved. (Acts16.37) Believe in him, and that exact moment you decide for Christ your sins will be washed away. The wonderful proof that they will be gone forever is that the Son of God who died for them rose from the grave. Dont delay but trust in him at once.

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