

Sunday, April 23, 2017 – Session 1 Bible Study:

“Rightly Dividing the Word of Truth – What God Does at the Moment of Salvation”

– II Peter 3:9

Series: *The Danger of Not Knowing, Lesson 33*

At this time of year, many in the world are sadly caught up in some religious form of distortion of God’s Grace, seeking to earn salvation and blessings through human works and their own self-induced suffering. Over the years, Pastor Cloudt has told us of one such example of this in the Philippines, known as the *Flagellantes* – a yearly bloody ritual he witnessed there some 50 years ago – wherein its devotees beat themselves with bamboo-tailed whips, until their backs are bloodied. Apparently, these people sometimes also re-enact the crucifixion of Christ by being nailed to crosses. Our Pastor was recently sent videos taken of these events last Sunday by his associates there. To show the extremes to which people can take “work and penance” for salvation, he intended to show these during the break between Bible studies today. Due to technical difficulties, we were unable to do so. So, the combined 10 minute video of these events is posted here: [2017 Flagellantes in the Philippines](#).

[Session 1 Bible Study Audio](#)

Bulletin Insert: [Distortions of Grace](#)

Reference Material:

- [Pastoral Notes & Overhead Information](#)
- Additional Related Study (Not covered today): [What God Does at Salvation](#)