"Nots" Which Cannot Be Untied

(Deuteronomy 4:2; Matthew 24:35)

Introduction:

- 1. Of course, the title of this lesson is a play on words.
- 2. The Bible warns us not to change the word of God.
- 3. Instead of trying to change the word of God to fit our lifestyle, we need to change our life to fit the word.
- 4. "Not" is a small word, but carries with it a great deal of importance: The difference between right and wrong.

I. By Works A Man Is Justified, *Not* By Faith Alone

- A. (James 2:24).
- B. Man is justified by faith (Romans 5:1).
- C. Man lives by faith (2 Corinthians 5:7).
- D. Man is saved by faith (Acts 16:31).
- E. But *not* by faith alone.

II Not Everyone Who Calls Jesus "Lord" Will Be Saved

- A. (Matthew 7:21).
- B. One must be more than moral.
- C. One must be more than religious.
- D. One must be obedient (Hebrews 5:9; Luke 6:46).

III Buy The Truth And Sell It *Not*

- A. (Proverbs 23:23).
- C. Some sell the truth for popularity, peace, job security, comfort...
- D. (John 8:32).

IV Be **Not** Conformed To This World

- A. (Romans 12:2).
- B. (James 4:4).

V **Not** Forsaking The Assembling

- A. (Hebrews 10:25).
- B. Corporate worship is emphasized because of its vital importance.

VI I Know You *Not*

A. (Matthew 25:12).

Conclusion:

- 1. Make preparation today.
- 2. Someday we will all stand before the judgment seat of God and give an answer for all of these little *nots*.
- 3. Are you living by them, or have you tried to untie them?