I Am Concerned About You!

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I am concerned about Christians and the lost sinner. Why?

Because God is concerned, so should we;

Pe 3:9 <u>The Lord is not slack concerning his promise</u>, as some men count slackness; <u>but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.</u> 10 But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up. 11 <u>Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness,</u>

In giving a lesson like this I am concerned that some will become discouraged about Christianity. Don't become discouraged about anything that shows, the division in the world, from God today. God is our only hope we cannot make it without him. His love will help us make it through all this division. We cannot ignore it. Jesus did not, neither can we. Remember how Jesus showed the errors in the established religion of the time. God gave his will with perfection but men perverted it. He showed the errors of the Sadducees, Scribes, Lawyers and the Pharisees. Jesus told them all, what was wrong, despite how they received it. We must do the same because we must follow his example; despite how much it hurts to cause them pain of heart. We cannot ignore errors in this world, taught about Christianity!

I am not blaming the people of today for the errors taught in the past. I don't want to see people discouraged about Christianity. You must realize you can not and should not continue to approve of the obvious errors. What is an obvious error? Anything taught which tries to explain away the simple scriptures by using complicated explanations. There are some things complicated in scriptures but you will not understand them without understanding the simple scriptures first. The salvation taught in the bible is a simple teaching thus the statement made in scripture "the simplicity in Christ". You must derive all teachings by the sum of all taught in the Bible. This includes salvation! You can not come to a complete understanding without all that is taught about salvation. People make their ideas sound so good but you better beware and study how God requires it. If you were miss-taught by the so-called wisdom of men. God understands. He will forgive if you follow his word. Remember "In the beginning was the Word, the Word was with God, and the Word was God". We need to use only the Bible which is God's word. We should not add to it using our ideas anything or take away any scripture replacing what is in scripture for our teaching. God's word is perfect!

Rom 12:2 And do not be conformed to this world, but <u>be transformed by the renewing of your</u> mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

2Co 11:3 <u>But I fear, lest somehow, as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, so your minds may be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ.</u>

Joh 17:17 Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth.

Eph 1:12 that we who first trusted in Christ should be to the praise of His glory. 13 In Him you also *trusted, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom*

Psa 139:17 How precious also are Your thoughts to me, O God! How great is the sum of them!

2Ti 3:15 and that from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. 16 All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, 17 that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.

Col 4:12 Epaphras, who is *one* of you, a bondservant of Christ, greets you, always laboring fervently for you in prayers, *that you may stand perfect and complete in all the will of God.*

1Jn 1:9 <u>If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.</u>

Heb 4:14 Seeing then that we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. 15 For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin. 16 Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Joh 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

God's attitude to those in not doing it His way;

Mat 7:21 Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. 22 Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? 23 And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.

To men all the things they did of "casting out devils and many works" seem to be the correct path. But men fail to realize, what men think is good is not to God. God is the guide to help us if we don't ignore his word of how God wants it done. You ignore his way he will reject you.

Jer 10:23 O LORD, I know that the way of man *is* not in himself: *it is* not in man that walketh to direct his steps.

Isa 55:9 For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.

Follow his commands exactly or you will be rejected until you repent and obey;

Deu 5:32 Ye shall observe to do therefore as the LORD your God hath commanded you: ye shall not turn aside to the right hand or to the left.

Examples of disobedience and changing his way and the consequences;

Lev 10:1 <u>And Nadab and Abihu, the sons of Aaron, took either of them his censer, and put fire therein, and put incense thereon, and offered strange fire before the LORD, which he commanded them not.</u> 2 <u>And there went out fire from the LORD, and devoured them, and they died before the LORD.</u>

1Sa 15:17 And Samuel said, When thou *wast* little in thine own sight, *wast* thou not *made* the head of the tribes of Israel, and the LORD anointed thee king over Israel? 18 And the

LORD sent thee on a journey, and said, <u>Go and utterly destroy the sinners the Amalekites, and fight against them until they be consumed.</u> 19 <u>Wherefore then didst thou not obey the voice of the LORD, but didst fly upon the spoil, and didst evil in the sight of the LORD?</u> 20 <u>And Saul said unto Samuel, Yea, I have obeyed the voice of the LORD, and have gone the way which the LORD sent me, and have brought Agag the king of Amalek, and have utterly destroyed the Amalekites.</u> 21 But the people took of the spoil, sheep and oxen, the chief of the things which should have been utterly destroyed, to sacrifice unto the LORD thy God in Gilgal. 22 <u>And Samuel said, Hath the LORD as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the LORD?</u> <u>Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams.</u> 23 <u>For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry. Because thou hast rejected the word of the LORD, he hath also rejected thee from being king.</u> 24 <u>And Saul said unto Samuel, I have sinned: for I have transgressed the commandment of the LORD, and thy words: because I feared the people, and obeyed their voice.</u>

This shows how displeasing even a little disobedience is to God. The end does not justify the means. The fire still burned the incense but God wanted obedience not just smoke. Though lambs were slaughtered the lack of faithful obedience caused it to be rejected by God.

Remember this scripture, that God's will never change; Heb 13:8 Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and forever.

The Warnings;

2Th 1:7 And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels, 8 In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ:

2Th 2:10 And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; <u>because they</u> <u>received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved.</u> 11 <u>And for this cause God shall</u> <u>send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie:</u> 12 <u>That they all might be damned</u> <u>who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.</u>

Eze 3:18 When I say unto the wicked, Thou shalt surely die; and thou givest him not warning, nor speakest to warn the wicked from his wicked way, to save his life; the same wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at thine hand. 19 Yet if thou warn the wicked, and he turn not from his wickedness, nor from his wicked way, he shall die in his iniquity; but thou hast delivered thy soul. 20 Again, When a righteous man doth turn from his righteousness, and commit iniquity, and I lay a stumblingblock before him, he shall die: because thou hast not given him warning, he shall die in his sin, and his righteousness which he hath done shall not be remembered; but his blood will I require at thine hand. 21 Nevertheless if thou warn the righteous man, that the righteous sin not, and he doth not sin, he shall surely live, because he is warned; also thou hast delivered thy soul.

1Co 6:9 Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not

deceived: <u>neither fornicators</u>, <u>nor idolaters</u>, <u>nor adulterers</u>, <u>nor effeminate</u>, <u>nor abusers of themselves with mankind</u>, 10 <u>Nor thieves</u>, <u>nor covetous</u>, <u>nor drunkards</u>, <u>nor revilers</u>, <u>nor extortioners</u>, <u>shall inherit the kingdom of God</u>. 11 And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God.

Mat 7:19 Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the

fire. 20 Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them. 21 Not everyone that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. 22 Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? 23 And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.

Mat 10:32 Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven. 33 <u>But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father which is in heaven.</u>

God will not accept that you do not know God since He has made it so abundantly clear. If you wish to know God you need to meditate on all his word with diligence.

Rom 1:20 For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse: 21 Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened. 22 Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools,

Obedience to all of God's commands in his new covenant or testament is totally necessary. Man broke the first covenant therefore we must obey the new covenant. We should want to be pleasing to God by studying the entire bible to understand what is pleasing to God. Why? Because we must have a love of truth to be saved. What is truth? The word of God is truth.

Joh 17:17 Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.

2Th 2:9 Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders, 10 And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. 11 And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: 12 That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

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Luk 6:46 And why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?

Heb 5:8 Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered; 9 And being made perfect, <u>he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him;</u>

Eph 1:13 In whom ye also *trusted*, after that <u>ye heard the word of truth</u>, the gospel of your <u>salvation</u>: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise,

Why must they receive a love of truth? Because faith comes by hearing and hearing by the word of God. Without faith it is impossible to please him. We must diligently seek him.

Rom 10:16 But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Esaias saith, Lord, who hath believed our report? 17 So then <u>faith cometh by hearing</u>, <u>and hearing by the word of God</u>. Heb 11:6 But <u>without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.</u>

If we don't have a love of truth and fail to keep his commandments then we do not love God; 1Jn 5:2 By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God, and keep his commandments. 3 For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous.

1Pe 1:19 <u>But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:</u> 20 <u>Who verily was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you,</u> 21 Who by him do believe in God, that raised him up from the dead, and gave him glory; that your faith and hope might be in God. 22 Seeing ye have <u>purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit</u> unto unfeigned love of the brethren, <u>see that ye</u> love one another with a pure heart fervently: 23 <u>Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever.</u>

Men try to make most scriptures complicated. Because they want to make it say what they want to believe. They twist scriptures using the complicated scriptures, wrongfully, to explain the simple scriptures. This is itching ears in scriptures.

2Ti 4:2 Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine. 3 For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; 4 And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.

2Pe 3:16 As also in all his epistles, speaking in them of these things; in which are some things hard to be understood, which they that are unlearned and unstable wrest, as they do also the other scriptures, unto their own destruction.

We must use the simple scriptures to understand the complicated scriptures. Why? Because there is a simplicity in the teaching in Christ. If a teaching about salvation is complicated then it probably is an incorrect teaching. This is Satan's method to deceive with misusing scripture. This is how Eve was beguiled with his subtle deception.

Example: (Satan does this in his attempt to tempt Jesus by misusing scripture. Jesus corrected him with other scripture. Mat 4:1-11)

2Co 11:3 But <u>I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ.</u> 4 For if he that cometh preacheth another Jesus, whom we have not preached, or *if* ye receive another spirit, which ye have not received, or another gospel, which ye have not accepted, ye might well bear with *him.*

Can you see that, what God has setup for salvation, is simple? You only need to look at all scripture to discern it. If any one's teaching is by opinion and things not found in scripture and is complicated and hard to understand and ignores simple plain English in the translations then you should not trust their teaching on scriptures even if it has been taught for a long period of time even before you were born. <u>God doesn't make it a complicated teaching, man does</u>, because they want to teach it their way by their own opinion. <u>Prove all</u>

<u>things by scripture.</u> Scripture was delivered by God. <u>Scripture is the standard we must</u> <u>adhere to</u>. Use scriptures to prove all things.

1Th 5:21 <u>Prove all things; hold fast that which is good</u>. 22 Abstain from all appearance of evil.

<u>This is my concern:</u> Today it is taught that all Christian church organizations are ok because they are teaching Christ. They have an emotional zeal for God therefore they are ok? No! They must teach all scriptures without contradictions in teaching. <u>Emotion or zeal alone will not get you to Heaven if you don't have a love of All Truth!</u>

Rom 10:1 Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is, <u>that they might be</u> <u>saved.</u> 2 For <u>I bear them record that they have a zeal of God, but not according to</u> <u>knowledge.</u> 3 For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and going about to <u>establish</u> <u>their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God.</u>

Many today are establishing their own righteousness but not by what God teaches in the Bible. They are doing this by their own opinions. We must prove what is correct by all scriptures. This is the knowledge required. This is the problem today; many have a zeal for God but don't use all scriptures. People today can be in the same shape as Israel was because they don't use all scripture. Teaching must be in such a manner that scripture does not contradict any other scripture in teaching.

2Ti 3:15 And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. 16 All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: 17 That the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works.

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If a teaching is taught by anyone and it is not found in scriptures, then it is from man not God. Don't believe them. Mark them as a false teacher. Some say well I know what it says, but that is not what was meant. Watch out this teaching is by itching ears and is a false teaching. Anyone can become a false teacher if they don't study an meditate to see what God is saying in scriptures. You can be forgiven of this, if you swallow your pride, repent and obey the complete word of God for your entire life.

2Ti 4:2 <u>Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine.</u> 3 <u>For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; 4 And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.

1Jn 4:3 <u>And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God; and this is that spirit of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world.</u></u>

2Pe 3:3 Knowing this first, <u>that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts</u>, 4 And saying, Where is the promise of his coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as *they were* from the beginning of the creation.

Act 20:27 For I have not shunned to declare unto you all the counsel of God. 28 <u>Take heed</u> therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood. 29 For I

know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock. 30 Also of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them. 31 Therefore watch, and remember, that by the space of three years I ceased not to warn every one night and day with tears. 32 And now, brethren, I commend you to God, and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified.

Now let us face the problem of our day. The first denomination was established two to three hundred years after the church was established in Acts 2:47. This first century church was established by Christ after his death. This is the Church which Jesus built and purchased with his blood. It had no earthly organization or denomination over it. The Roman Catholic church started the first denomination or departure from sticking to what the scriptures say.

Examples: They made themselves a Pope. To justify this, they claim that Peter was the first Pope. But where is this in scripture? The word Bishop is in scripture but is only used in the oversight of a local church not the Church universal. Almost every denomination created since then has divided from each other denomination starting in Catholicism. Division is not a good thing!

Jesus stated that a kingdom divided against its self can not stand. He spoke this because the scribes tried to claim he cast out devils by Beelzebub. Jesus stated Satan's kingdom could not stand if it was divided against itself. No kingdom divided can stand. The Church is God's kingdom on earth. Therefore, division in those who call themselves Christians is not acceptable. God's true kingdom is not divided. Don't accept error in teaching. The kingdom of God is on earth and in Heaven. Jesus the Father are sitting on their throne in Heaven. Jesus is our High Priest. His kingdom on earth is the Church. The scripture below states no kingdom can stand divided against itself. He is speaking about Satan's earthly kingdom. Nevertheless, it is true about any kingdom. Then those divided in teaching cannot be of God's kingdom.

Mar 3:22 And the scribes which came down from Jerusalem said, He hath Beelzebub, and by the prince of the devils casteth he out devils. 23 And he called them *unto him,* and said unto them in parables, How can Satan cast out Satan? 24 And if a kingdom be divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. 25 And if a house be divided against itself, that house cannot stand. 26 And if Satan rise up against himself, and be divided, he cannot stand, but hath an end.

Reasons why the Church is God's kingdom on earth. God is in his Kingdom in heaven; Mat 4:17 From that time Jesus began to preach, and to say, Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

Mar 9:1 And he said unto them, Verily I say unto you, That there be some of them that stand here, which shall not taste of death, till they have seen the kingdom of God come with power.

There are either some very old people on earth or his Kingdom on earth is the Church.

Luk 24:49 And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until <u>ye be endued with power from on high</u>.

Act 2:2 And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. 3 And there appeared unto them cloven tongues

<u>like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them.</u> 4 <u>And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.</u> ---- 47 Praising God, and having favour with all the people. And <u>the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.</u>

Despite how divided Denominations are today, there will always be a Church following exactly what God commanded in scripture. Remember the church is the people not a building or organization. The one Church Jesus built will stand. We must follow Christ's plan for the Church as it is taught in the Bible;

Mat 16:18 And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

Rev 5:12 Saying with a loud voice, <u>Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing.</u> 13 <u>And every creature which is in heaven, and on the earth, and under the earth, and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, heard I saying, <u>Blessing, and honour, and glory, and power, be unto him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever.</u></u>

Mat 16:13 When Jesus came into the coasts of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, saying, Whom do men say that I the Son of man am? 14 And they said, Some say that thou art John the Baptist: some, Elias; and others, Jeremias, or one of the prophets. 15 He saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am? 16 And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God. 17 And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven. 18 And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. 19 And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.

It will never be a physical or earthly kingdom as to have an earthly king. The throne and the king is in heaven. Christians are his subjects in a spiritual kingdom not of this world. If it had been a physical or earthly kingdom Christians would have fought a physical battle on earth.

Joh 18:36 Jesus answered, My kingdom is not of this world: if my kingdom were of this world, then would my servants fight, that I should not be delivered to the Jews: but now is my kingdom not from hence. KJV

The rock spoken of is; the fact that Christ is the Son of God;

1Co 10:3 And did all eat the same spiritual meat; 4 And did all drink the same spiritual drink: for they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them: and that Rock was Christ.

1Pe 2:7 Unto you therefore which believe he is precious: but unto them which be disobedient, the stone which the builders disallowed, the same is made the head of the corner, 8 And a stone of stumbling, and a rock of offence, even to them which stumble at the word, being disobedient: whereunto also they were appointed. 9 But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvelous light:

Also, this scripture shows that Christ is our High Priest and the faithful Christians are the priesthood;

Heb 4:14 Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens,

Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession. 15 For we have not an high priest

which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted

like as we are, yet without sin. 16 Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace,
that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

Heb 5:5 <u>So also</u> <u>Christ glorified not himself to be made an high priest; but he that said unto him, Thou art my Son, to day have I begotten thee.</u> 6 As he saith also in another place, <u>Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec.</u> 7 Who in the days of his flesh, when he had offered up prayers and supplications with strong crying and tears unto him that was able to save him from death, and was heard in that he feared; 8 Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered; 9 And being made perfect, <u>he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him;</u> 10 <u>Called of God an high priest after the order of Melchisedec.</u>

Catholicism set up a priesthood; which God had already setup and not by man. And our high priest is in heaven not on earth. Also, you see Christ is our High Priest, therefore, why is there a Pope? Man has set up a High Priest (the Pope) and a priesthood they copied from what was in the old law which we are not under. This was taught only in the Old Law. Even this seeming adherence to the Old Law has issues because the Catholic priests are not required to be from Levi's bloodline and many other requirements of the Levitical priesthood are completely ignored. Scriptures teach we are not to justify anything by the Old Law because we are not under the Old Covenant but the New Covenant.

Gal 5:1 <u>Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free</u>, and be not <u>entangled again with the yoke of bondage.</u> 2 Behold, I Paul say unto you, that <u>if ye be circumcised, Christ shall profit you nothing.</u> 3 <u>For I testify again to every man that is circumcised, that he is a debtor to do the whole law.</u> 4 <u>Christ is become of no effect unto you, whosoever of you are justified by the law; ye are fallen from grace.</u>

Heb 7:11 If therefore perfection were by the Levitical priesthood, (for under it the people received the law,) what further need was there that another priest should rise after the order of Melchisedec, and not be called after the order of Aaron? 12 For the priesthood being changed, there is made of necessity a change also of the law. 13 For he of whom these things are spoken pertaineth to another tribe, of which no man gave attendance at the altar. 14 For it is evident that our Lord sprang out of Juda; of which tribe Moses spake nothing concerning priesthood. 15 And it is yet far more evident: for that after the similitude of Melchisedec there ariseth another priest, 16 Who is made, not after the law of a carnal commandment, but after the power of an endless life.

Faithful Christians are a Holy priesthood;

1Pe 2:5 <u>Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood,</u> to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ.

Catholicism also, started the praying to Mary. This is also not found in scripture.

We must understand adding in things not found in scripture is wrong. Also ignoring or taking out a teaching in scripture is wrong; Every denomination seems to have some error taught such as the sinner's prayer for salvation, once saved always saved, sprinkling for baptism, etc. There are too many to cover in this lesson. These are only a few for example.

These false doctrines come by the traditions of different denominations.

Mat 15:3 But he answered and said unto them, Why do ye also transgress the commandment of God by your tradition?

Mat 15:8 This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honoureth me with *their* lips; but their heart is far from me. 9

But in vain they do worship me, teaching for doctrines

the commandments of men.

1Th 5:21 <u>Prove all things; hold fast that which is good.</u> 22 <u>Abstain from all appearance of evil.</u>

Rom 12:2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may *prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.*

Gal 6:3 For if a man think himself to be something, when he is nothing, he deceiveth himself. 4 But let every man prove his own work, and then shall he have rejoicing in himself alone, and not in another. 5 For every man shall bear his own burden. 6 Let him that is taught in the word communicate unto him that teacheth in all good things.

Can you not see we are to prove all things by God's Word, Scripture? Can you not see these things not found in the Bible which people teach are the doctrines and commandments of men even today? False teaching comes when men add their ideas which are not taught in scripture. Also ignoring a scripture in the Bible and saying that was not what the writer meant or saying this apostle is prejudice is an attempt to take away scripture. See below how God views this;

Proof Text:

Heb 13:8 Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and forever.

1Co 4:6 And these things, brethren, I have in a figure transferred to myself and *to* Apollos for your sakes; that ye might learn in us not to think of men above that which is written, that no one of you be puffed up for one against another. NKJV

Deu 4:2 <u>Ye shall not add unto the word which I command you, neither shall ye diminish</u> <u>ought from it,</u> that ye may keep the commandments of the LORD your God which I command you.

Jer 26:2 Thus saith the LORD; Stand in the court of the LORD'S house, and speak unto all the cities of Judah, which come to worship in the LORD'S house, <u>all the words that I command</u> thee to speak unto them; diminish not a word:

2Pe 1:20 Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation.
21 For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.

Rev 22:19 <u>And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life,</u> and out of the holy city, and *from* the things which are written in this book.

Pro 30:5 Every word of God *is* pure; He *is* a shield to those who put their trust in Him. 6 <u>Do</u> not add to His words, Lest He rebuke you, and you be found a liar.

Gal 1:6 I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel: 7 Which is not another; but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ. 8 <u>But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed.</u> 9 <u>As we said before, so say I now again, If any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed.</u> 10 For do I now persuade men, or God? or do I seek to please men? for if I yet pleased men, I should not be the servant of Christ.

No one can claim that: we must follow both the Old and New Law. The Old and New Laws are under two different covenants. We can learn from the Old Testament many principals and examples. We can learn why Christ had to die for our sins. We are under the new covenant the Law of Faith.

Jer 31:31 Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah:

Heb 1:2 Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds; 3 Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high; Heb 8:6 But now hath he obtained a more excellent ministry, by how much also he is the mediator of a better covenant, which was established upon better promises. 7 For if that first covenant had been faultless, then should no place have been sought for the second. 8 For finding fault with them, he saith, Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah: 9 Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day when I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt; because they continued not in my covenant, and I regarded them not, saith the Lord. 10 For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, saith the Lord; I will put my laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts: and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a people: 11 And they shall not teach every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the Lord: for all shall know me, from the least to the greatest. 12 For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their iniquities will I remember no more. 13 In that he saith, A new covenant, he hath made the first old. Now that which decayeth and waxeth old is ready to vanish away.

Heb 9:1 Then verily the first *covenant* had also ordinances of divine service, and a worldly sanctuary.

Gal 3:19 Wherefore then serveth the law? It was added because of transgressions, till the seed should come to whom the promise was made; and it was ordained by angels in the hand of a mediator. 20 Now a mediator is not a mediator of one, but God is one. 21 /s the law then against the promises of God? God forbid: for if there had been a law given which could have given life, verily righteousness should have been by the law. 22 But the scripture hath concluded all under sin, that the promise by faith of Jesus Christ might be given to them that believe. 23 But before faith came, we were kept under the law, shut up unto the faith which should afterwards be revealed. 24 Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith. 25 But after that faith is come, we are no longer under a schoolmaster. 26 For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. 27 For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. Rom 15:3 For even Christ pleased not himself; but, as it is written, The reproaches of them that reproached thee fell on me. 4 For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have <u>hope.</u> 5 Now the God of patience and consolation grant you to be likeminded one toward another according to Christ Jesus: 6 *That ye may with one mind and one mouth glorify God*, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. 7 Wherefore receive ye one another, as Christ also received us to the glory of God. 8 Now I say that Jesus Christ was a minister of the circumcision for the truth of God, to confirm the promises *made* unto the fathers: 9 <u>And that</u> the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy; as it is written, For this cause I will confess to

thee among the Gentiles, and sing unto thy name. 10 And again he saith, Rejoice, ye Gentiles, with his people. 11 And again, Praise the Lord, all ye Gentiles; and laud him, all ye people.

Some today want to say no scripturas; (Which means use the Catholic Church for authority and not the Scriptures (the Bible)). These mistakenly believe that the Catholic Church came first and gave us the Bible. Instead we see that the Bible was completed before 100 A.D. and the Catholic Church was not founded until at least 325 A.D. after many years of congregations leaving the apostle's doctrine. Using any authority other than the Bible is wrong because the Bible is God's word. You reject God when you reject His words in the Bible.

Joh 1:1 <u>In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.</u>
Act 4:31 And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and <u>they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness.</u>

The Jews tried to say God's way was not fair;

Eze 18:25 "Yet you say, 'The way of the Lord is not fair.' Hear now, O house of Israel, is it not My way which is fair, and your ways which are not fair? 26 When a righteous *man* turns away from his righteousness, commits iniquity, and dies in it, it is because of the iniquity which he has done that he dies. 27 Again, when a wicked *man* turns away from the wickedness which he committed, and does what is lawful and right, he preserves himself alive. 28 Because he considers and turns away from all the transgressions which he committed, he shall surely live; he shall not die. 29 Yet the house of Israel says, 'The way of the Lord is not fair.' O house of Israel, is it not My ways which are fair, and your ways which are not fair? 30 "Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, every one according to his ways," says the Lord GOD. "Repent, and turn from all your transgressions, so that iniquity will not be your ruin. NKJV

Man, better stick with the Bible which is inspired from God!

God speaks of His ways. You better listen! Why? His wisdom is superior.

Isa 55:8 For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the LORD. 9 For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.

1Sa 15:22-23 So Samuel said: "Has the LORD as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, As in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, And to heed than the fat of rams. For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, And stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry. Because you have rejected the word of the LORD, he hath also rejected thee from being king.

We better follow the Bible not what men have established by their own opinions.

Mat 5:18 For verily <u>I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no</u> wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled. 19 Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven: but whosoever shall do and teach them, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

Mat 15:8 This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honoureth me with their lips; but their heart is far from me. 9 But in vain they do worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men.

Col 2:20 Wherefore if ye be dead with Christ from the rudiments of the world, why, as though living in the world, are ye subject to ordinances, 21 (*Touch not; taste not; handle not;* 22 *Which all are to perish with the using;) after* the *commandments and doctrines of men?* 23 Which things have indeed a shew of wisdom in will worship, and humility, and neglecting of the body; not in any honour to the satisfying of the flesh.

Tit 1:14 Not giving heed to Jewish fables, and <u>commandments of men</u>, that turn from the truth. 15 Unto the pure all things *are* pure: but unto them that are defiled and unbelieving *is* nothing pure; but even their mind and conscience is defiled. 16 They profess that they know God; but in works they deny *him*, being abominable, and disobedient, and unto every good work reprobate.

Heb 13:8 Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and forever.

You take away the key of knowledge, if you say people can't understand the scriptures without an organization's teaching. You are going against these scriptures;

Luk 11:52 Woe unto you, lawyers! for ye have taken away the key of knowledge: ye entered not in yourselves, and them that were entering in ye hindered.

2Ti 2:15 Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

I have shown all these scriptures to show there were no Denominations in the bible. Every congregation was independent. I wanted to show big organizations are not seen in the New Law or New Covenant or New Testament. The Old Law did have a large organization but we are now under <u>the Law of Faith</u>.

Rom 3:19 Now we know that what things soever the law saith, it saith to them who are under the law: that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God. 20 Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight: for by the law is the knowledge of sin. 21 But now the righteousness of God without the law is manifested, being witnessed by the law and the prophets; 22 Even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference: 23 For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God; 24 Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus: 25 Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God; 26 To declare, I say, at this time his righteousness: that he might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus. 27 Where is boasting then? It is excluded. By what law? of works? Nay: but by the law of faith. 28 Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith without the deeds of the law.

There are over 30,000 Denominations <u>all teaching different Doctrines.</u> Who is right? I have found none of them right. How can anyone believe this is pleasing to God? All these organizations have a man as the founder of their organization. The New Testament Churches have only Christ as their founder. This is why; to follow the New Testament example we need to be independent of any organization. If there had been a denomination in the first century then there would have been no need to write to each church of their errors. (Rev 2-3) It would have been sent to the organization then to each church location. This clearly

shows the independence of each of these church locations. Denominations, setting up organizations, came two to three hundred years later. The Romans even set it up as a State religion under Constantine some ten or more years after accepting Christianity as the Roman religion.

Some might say: "So we have different doctrines what is the big deal?"

When I speak about Christ doctrines, I am only speaking of the doctrines found in the New testament Bible. Why? Because it comes from God and not from those who claim to be inspired. It is in the new covenant or law of faith. Only holy men of God that are inspired as the apostilles, in the bible, who received the doctrine from God.

Read what the Bible says about doctrine. God is not the author of confusion;

2Jn 1:9 Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son. 10 If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into your house, neither bid him God speed: 11 For he that biddeth him God speed is partaker of his evil deeds.

Act 2:41 Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added *unto them* about three thousand souls. 42 And *they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine* and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.

Rom 6:16 Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness? 17 But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but <u>ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you.</u> 18 Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness.

1Ti 1:3 As I besought thee to abide still at Ephesus, when I went into Macedonia, that thou mightest <u>charge some that they teach no other doctrine</u>, 4 Neither give heed to fables and endless genealogies, which minister questions, rather than godly edifying which is in faith: so do.

1Ti 4:13 Till I come, give attendance to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine. --- 16 <u>Take heed</u> unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them: for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee.

2Ti 4:3 <u>For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine;</u> but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; 4 And they shall turn away *their* ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.

2Ti 3:14 But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them; 15 And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. 16 All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: 17 That the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works.

Heb 6:1 Therefore leaving <u>the principles of the doctrine of Christ</u>, <u>let us go on unto perfection</u>; <u>not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works</u>, <u>and of faith toward God</u>, 2 Of the doctrine of baptisms, and of laying on of hands, and of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment.

2Jn 1:7 <u>For many deceivers are entered into the world, who confess not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh. This is a deceiver and an antichrist.</u> 8 Look to yourselves, that we lose

not those things which we have wrought, but that we receive a full reward. 9 <u>Whosoever</u> <u>transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son.</u>

1Ti 4:1 Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times <u>some shall depart from</u> the faith, giving heed to <u>seducing spirits</u>, and doctrines of devils; 2 Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron; 3 Forbidding to marry, and commanding to abstain from meats, which God hath created to be received with thanksgiving of them which believe and know the truth. 4 For every creature of God is good, and nothing to be refused, if it be received with thanksgiving: 5 For it is sanctified by the word of God and prayer.

1Co 14:33 For <u>God is not the author of confusion</u>, but of peace, as in all churches of the saints.

Do you still think doctrine is not important?

Luk 6:45 A good man out of the good treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is good; and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is evil: for of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaketh. 46 <u>And why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?</u>

Mat 7:21 Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. 22 Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? 23 And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.

Luk 13:23 <u>Then said one unto him, Lord, are there few that be saved? And he said unto them,</u> 24 <u>Strive to enter in at the strait gate: for many, I say unto you, will seek to enter in, and shall not be able.</u> 25 When once the master of the house is risen up, and hath shut to the door, and ye begin to stand without, and <u>to knock at the door, saying, Lord, Lord, open unto us; and he shall answer and say unto you, I know you not whence ye are:</u>

Called by the gospel;

2Th 2:13 But we are bound to give thanks alway to God for you, brethren beloved of the Lord, because God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth: 14 Whereunto he called you by our gospel, to the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Psa 127:1 A Song of degrees for Solomon. <u>Except the LORD build the house, they labour in vain that build it:</u> except the LORD keep the city, the watchman waketh *but* in vain.

2Ti 3:15 And that <u>from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures</u>, <u>which are able to make</u> thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. 16 All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: 17 That the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works.

Our attitude is so important;

2Co 8:12 First we must have a willing mind.

1Ti 6:18 We must be willing to communicate to those around us.

Eze 3:18 When I say unto the wicked, Thou shalt surely die; and *give him no warning or tell*

<u>him what his wicked way is to save his life;</u> the same wicked *man* shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at thine hand.

Mat 10:31 Fear ye not therefore, ye are of more value than many sparrows. 32 <u>Whosoever</u> therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven. 33 <u>But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father which is in heaven.</u>

Luk 12:8 Also I say unto you, Whosoever shall confess me before men, him shall the Son of man also confess before the angels of God: 9 But he that denieth me before men shall be denied before the angels of God.

God wants to protect you. But only if you are willing;

Mat 23:37 O Jerusalem ---- <u>how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not!</u>

Do people think God's way is not correct? The Jews did;

Eze 18:29 Yet saith the house of Israel, The way of the Lord is not equal. O house of Israel, are not my ways equal? are not your ways unequal?

This reflects the wisdom of men;

1Co 2:4 And my speech and my preaching *was* not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power: 5 That *your faith should not stand in the wisdom* of men, but in the power of God.

Our desires can take us away from God's wisdom;

1Pe 2:11 Dearly beloved, I beseech *you* as strangers and pilgrims, <u>abstain from fleshly lusts,</u> which war against the soul;

God will give you your desires if you ask unselfishly but according to God's will. Don't ask amiss:

Psa 37:4 <u>Delight thyself also in the LORD; and he shall give thee the desires of thine</u> heart. 5 <u>Commit thy way unto the LORD; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass.</u>

Mat 7:7 Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you: 8 For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened. 9 Or what man is there of you, whom if his son ask bread, will he give him a stone? 10 Or if he ask a fish, will he give him a serpent? 11 If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask him?

Jas 4:3 <u>Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your</u> lusts.

You need God's wisdom;

Co 1:18 For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God. 19 *For it is written, I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and will bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent.* 20 Where *is* the wise? where *is* the scribe? where *is* the disputer of this world? hath not *God made foolish the wisdom of this world?* 21 For after that in *the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, it*

pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe. 22 For the Jews require a sign, and the Greeks seek after wisdom: 23 But we preach Christ crucified, unto the Jews a stumblingblock, and unto the Greeks foolishness; 24 But unto them which are called, both Jews and Greeks, *Christ the power of God, and the wisdom of God.* 25 *Because* <u>the foolishness of God is wiser than men; and the weakness of God is stronger than </u> men. 26 For ye see your calling, brethren, how that not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called: 27 But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound <u>the things which are mighty; 28 And base things of the world, and things which are</u> despised, hath God chosen, yea, and things which are not, to bring to nought things that are: 29 That no flesh should glory in his presence. 30 But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption: 31 That, according as it is written, He that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord. 1Co 3:18 Let no man deceive himself. *If any man among you seemeth to be wise in this* world, let him become a fool, that he may be wise. 19 For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. For it is written, He taketh the wise in their own craftiness. 20 And again, The Lord knoweth the thoughts of the wise, that they are vain. 21 Therefore let no man glory in men. For all things are yours;

Jas 1:3 Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience. 4 But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing. 5 If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him. 6 But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed. 7 For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord. 8 A double minded man is unstable in all his ways.

The way God wants his church to be one not 30,000 or more different ways or Churches. If you are hearing Jesus voice then you are studying God's word. There He speaks. If you do his will in the word then you can become one with Jesus and God the Father;

Joh 10:26 But ye believe not, because ye are not of my sheep, as I said unto you. 27 <u>My</u> sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: 28 And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand. 29 My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand. 30 <u>I and my Father are one.</u>

Joh 12:46 I am come a light into the world, that whosoever believeth on me should not abide in darkness. 47 And if any man hear my words, and believe not, I judge him not: for I came not to judge the world, but to save the world. 48 <u>He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him: the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day.</u> 49 For I have not spoken of myself; but the Father which sent me, he gave me a commandment, what I should say, and what I should speak. 50 And I know that his commandment is life everlasting: whatsoever I speak therefore, even as the Father said unto me, so I speak.

Joh 17:7 Now they have known that all things whatsoever thou hast given me are of thee. 8 For I have given unto them the words which thou gavest me; and they have received them, and have known surely that I came out from thee, and they have believed that thou didst send me. 9 I pray for them: I pray not for the world, but for them which thou hast given me; for they are thine. 10 And all mine are thine, and thine are mine; and I am glorified in them. 11 And now I am no more in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to thee. Holy Father, keep through thine own name those whom thou hast given me, that they may

be one, as we are. 12 While I was with them in the world, I kept them in thy name: those that thou gavest me I have kept, and none of them is lost, but the son of perdition; that the scripture might be fulfilled. — 21 That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me. 22 And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one: 23 I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me.

2Ti 3:15 And that <u>from a child thou hast known</u> the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. 16 All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: 17 That the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works.

One body, the church;

Col 3:15 And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body; and be thankful. 16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. NKJV

Joh 10:15 As the Father knoweth me, even so know I the Father: and I lay down my life for the sheep. 16 And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold, and one shepherd. 17 Therefore doth my Father love me, because I lay down my life, that I might take it again. 18 No one takes it from Me, but I lay it down of Myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This command I have received from My Father."

Eph 4:3 Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. 4 <u>There is <mark>one</mark> body, and <mark>one Spirit</mark>, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; 5 One Lord, one faith, one baptism, 6 One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.</u>

One mind;

Rom 15:4 For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope. 5 <u>Now the God of patience and consolation grant you to be likeminded one toward another according to Christ</u>

Jesus: 6 <u>That ye may with one mind and one mouth glorify God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.</u> 7 Wherefore receive ye one another, as Christ also received us to the glory of God.

1Pe 3:8 Finally, be ye all of one mind, having compassion one of another, love as brethren, be pitiful, be courteous: 9 Not rendering evil for evil, or railing for railing: but contrariwise blessing; knowing that ye are thereunto called, that ye should inherit a blessing.

How can we be of one mind if we can't agree enough to teach the same thing?

The power of One; Pay attention to all that is one;

Mat 5:17 Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil. 18 For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled. 19 Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven: but whosoever shall do and teach *them*, the same shall be

called great in the kingdom of heaven.

Mat 23:8 But be not ye called Rabbi: for one is your Master, even Christ; and all ye are brethren.

Mar 12:29 And Jesus answered him, The first of all the commandments *is,* Hear, O Israel; The Lord our God is one Lord: 30 And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this *is* the first commandment. 31 And the second *is* like, *namely* this, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. There is none other commandment greater than these.

Eph 4:3 Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. 4 There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; 5 One Lord, one faith, one baptism, 6 One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all. Php 1:27 Only let your conversation be as it becometh the gospel of Christ: that whether I come and see you, or else be absent, I may hear of your affairs, that ye stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel;

1Ti 2:3 For this *is* good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour; 4 Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth. 5 For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus; 6 Who gave himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time.

Remember: Joh 10:17 Therefore doth my Father love me, because I lay down my life, that I might take it again. 18 No man taketh it from me, but I lay it down of myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This commandment have I received of my Father.

The reason for this lesson;

The Lord our God is one Lord. You were called in one body, one-fold, one shepherd, one Spirit, if we are likeminded as one mind. We only have one hope of our calling, One Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, one mediator; Christ Jesus. So, with one mind and one mouth glorify God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. If everyone did all this then there would be no Denominations because there would be no division. We would simply be Christians. We must do it God's way not ours!

Salvation

You must obey God;

Php 2:5 Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: 6 Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: 7 But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: 8 <u>And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.</u> 9 Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: 10 That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; 11 And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. 12 <u>Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling.</u>

2Th 1:6 Seeing it is a righteous thing with God to recompense tribulation to them that

trouble you; 7 And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels, 8 In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ:

Man's plight;

2Th 2:9 *Even him,* whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders, 10 And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because *they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved.*

Joh 17:17 Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.

Col 1:5 For the hope which is laid up for you in heaven, whereof ye heard before in the word of the truth of the gospel;

2Ti 2:14 Of these things put *them* in remembrance, charging *them* before the Lord that they strive not about words to no profit, *but* to the subverting of the hearers. 15 <u>Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.</u> 16 But shun profane *and* vain babblings: for they will increase unto more ungodliness.

This is God's part;

Eph 2:5 Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, *(by grace ye are saved;)*

Rom 5:15 But not as the offence, so also is <u>the free gift.</u> For if through the offence of one many be dead, much more the grace of God, and <u>the gift by grace, which is by one man,</u> <u>Jesus Christ, hath abounded unto many.</u>

The teacher's part;

1Co 1:21 For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, <u>it pleased</u>
God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe.

Rom 10:13 For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. 14 How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? 15 And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!

Man's part;

Hear;

Luk 8:11 Now the parable is this: <u>The seed is the word of God.</u> 12 Those by the way side are they that hear; then cometh <u>the devil, and taketh away the word out of their hearts, lest they should believe and be saved.</u>

Rom 10:16 But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Esaias saith, Lord, who hath believed our report? 17 So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God. Heb 11:6 But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

Believe;

Mar 1:15 And saying, The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand <u>: repent ye, and believe the gospel.</u>

Joh 20:31 But these are written, <u>that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of</u> God; and that believing ye might have life through his name.

Repent;

Act 3:19 Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord;

Act 2:38 Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

Confess;

1Jn 4:15 Whosoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God, God dwelleth in him, and he in God.

<u>Mat 10:32</u> Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven.

Obey in Baptism;

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Rom 6:4 Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. 5 For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection: 6 Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin.

For a greater understanding of salvation; Read the study of "Saved.pdf" on my web page. This goes in great detail of what salvation requires.

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