

Theology or Bible Truth?

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John 7:17 "If any man will do his will, he shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of God, or whether I speak of myself."

Obedience to the will of God as revealed in His commandments is the condition of knowing God's truth. This knowledge is available to the "Common People" - those who heard Christ gladly.

"The Bible with its precious gems of truth was not written for the scholar alone. On the contrary, it was designed for the common people; and the interpretation given by the common people, when aided by the Holy Spirit, accords best with the truth as it is in Jesus. The great truths necessary for salvation are made clear as the noonday, and none will mistake and lose their way except those who follow their own judgment instead of the plainly revealed will of God." Testimonies, Volume 5, page 331.

"It is the first and highest duty of every rational being to learn from the Scriptures what is truth, and then to walk in the light and encourage others to follow his example. We should day by day study the Bible diligently, weighing every thought and comparing scripture with scripture. With divine help we are to form our opinion for ourselves as we are to answer for ourselves before God." Great Controversy, Page 598.

Knowledge Of Truth Is Only For The Obedient

Daniel 12:10 "None of the wicked shall understand; but the wise shall understand." It should be noted that the wise are not contrasted with the ignorant and unlearned. They are contrasted with the wicked. The issue is moral not mental.

Many Theologians Want Popularity, No God' S Truth

"A zealous regard for what is termed theological truth, often accompanies a hatred of genuine truth." Desire of Ages, page 309.

Truth has "been obscured and perverted by the errors of popular theology." Great Controversy, page 551.

"The god ... of many ... theological institutions is little better than Baal, the sun-god of Phenicea." Great Controversy, page 583.

"The erroneous teachings of popular theology have made thousands upon thousands of skeptics and infidels. 5 Testimonies, page 710.

"To a great degree theology, as studied and taught, is but a record of human speculation." Ministry of Healing, page 442.

1 Corinthians 2:5 "Your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God."

MANY THEOLOGIANS DELIGHT TO SHOW TO MEN

THEIR WISDOM - AND LIKE THE JAW JARRING JARGON OF THEOLOGY.

These words were found on the wall of St. John's University: "Jesus said unto them 'Who do you say I am?' and they replied 'You are the eschatological manifestation of the ground of our being, the

kerygma in which we find the ultimate meaning of our interpersonal relationships' and Jesus said "What?"

They talk of Eschatology, Forensic Justification and Hermeneutics. They cloud thought with words.

Theologians Can Be Dangerous Guides To Follow

Some quote "Theologians" or "Scholars" as authority. But are they authority? Why not quote the Bible. Why not quote the Spirit of Prophecy? Why not go to Inspiration? Any heresy can be proved (?) by scholarship - Theologians. It is a simple matter to find "scholars" who will up-hold your pet theory. Evolution! Purgatory! Astrology! God is dead! You name it: have written both for and against them all.

There is only one source of authority. O foolish Adventist, what hath bewitched you that you should go to the gods of Ekron. To your Bibles, O Israel. To Inspiration! To the Law and to the Testimony.

1 Corinthians 1:17 "For Christ sent me not to baptize, but to preach the gospel : not with wisdom of words, lest the cross of Christ should be made of none effect." 1. The Cross of Christ is the greatest blessing. 2. If the Cross of Christ is made of none effect, it can result in the most fearful tragedy.

Matthew 11:25,26 "Jesus said, I thank Thee, O Father, ... because Thou has hid these things from the wise and prudent, and has revealed them unto babes. Even so, Father: For so it seems good in Thy sight."

1 Corinthians 1:26 Not many wise men after the flesh are called. Christ does not need great men. Great men need Christ.

Christ's Word - The Bible Must Be Our Foundation

"Who is the Author of the Book? - Jesus Christ." Fundamentals of Education, page 308.

1 Peter 1: 11 "The Spirit of Christ did ... testify. "

"Take no man's explanation of Scripture, whatever his position, but go to the Bible." Testimonies to Ministers, page 155.

"It is not enough to know what others have thought or learned about the Bible. Everyone must in the judgment give an account of himself to God, and each should now learn-for himself what is truth." Education, page 188.

"Let those who want the bread of life go to the Scriptures, not to the teachings of finite, erring men." 1 Selected Messages, page 160.

Build On The Rock

Matthew 7:24 "Whosoever hears these sayings of mine and does them built upon a Rock". "The Rock". Revised Version.

"I take the Bible just as it is, as the Inspired Word. I believe its utterances in an entire Bible." 1 Selected Messages, page 17.

"God sets no man to pronounce judgment on His Word, selecting some things as inspired and discrediting others as uninspired." 1 Selected Messages, page 23.

"Brethren, cling to your Bible, as it reads, and obey the Word, and not one of you will be lost. " 1 Selected Messages, page 18.