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Lesson Four: Attitudes Toward Scriptures (2)

Last week we introduced this lesson about "Attitudes Toward Scriptures." We looked at some very common attitudes about the Bible. It is not enough that one uses the Bible, if they do not use it correctly.

- In Genesis 3:4 the devil created distrust in God by simply adding one word
- In Matthew 4:5-7, the devil quoted a passage to the Lord, but misused it

A. Another common attitude today, "My security is not in what I believe, but in Who I believe in."

- The impression is that if we care about beliefs, practices and doctrines then we are putting our security in ourselves rather than in Jesus.
- Is it possible to disconnect **What** I believe from the **ONE WHOM** I believe in?
 - Or, Is it possible to believe in Jesus while practicing anti-Jesus things or holding anti-Jesus views?

Lk 6:46 "Why do you call me Lord, Lord, and do not _____ what I say?"

Jas 2:19 "You believe that God is one. You do well; the demons also believe, and shudder."

How would you distinguish the difference between the belief of a demon and a disciple of Jesus?

Watching Our Attitudes About Those We Disagree With:

1. People in other churches _____ read their Bibles
2. People in other churches are not _____
3. Not everything that is done in other churches is _____



1. What is the Bible supposed to do? (Jn 20:30-31)

Bible answers the three most important questions

- _____ did I come from (Ps 100:3)
- _____ am I here (Ecc 12:13)
- Where am I _____ (Jn 5:28-29)

What is not from God:

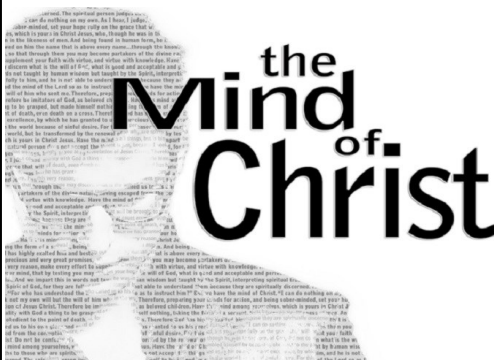
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2. Understanding the Authority of Scriptures

- What do we mean by "AUTHORITY?"
- Matthew 21:23-27
- Why does having Biblical authority matter?

Out of the Reformation Movement came, *Scriptura Sola*, a Latin expression that meant, Scripture Alone.

Out of the American Restoration Movement came the expression, *"We speak where the Bible speaks and are silent where it is silent."*



B. How is Biblical Authority established?

God uses the basic component of communication: _____

- Approach Bereans took (Acts 17:11)
- Approach in Acts 15 (Peter: implying—7-11; Paul: showing—12; James: telling— 13-21)

Lord's Supper:

Tell: 1 Cor 11:25

Show: Acts 20:7

Imply: 1 Cor 16:1-2; Acts 20:7

Baptism:

Tell: Mk 16:16

Show: Acts 8:38

Imply: Acts 8:38; Rom 6:4)

The Attitude God Wants Us To Have Towards the Bible

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Galatians 5:2-3 Behold I, Paul, say to you that if you receive circumcision, Christ will be of no benefit to you. ³ And I testify again to every man who receives circumcision, that he is under obligation to keep the whole Law.

- What two conclusions regarding the Bible can be drawn from this passage?