

DOES YOUR FAITH TEACH...

☐ THE BIBLE IS GOD'S WORD?

1 Thessalonians 2:13 -- And for this reason we also constantly thank God that when you received from us the word of God's message, you accepted it not as the word of men, but for what it really is, *the word of God*...

☐ THE BIBLE IS UNCORRUPTED?

1 Peter 1:24-25 -- ... *the word of the Lord abides forever*. And this is the word that was preached to you.

Mark 13:31 -- "Heaven and earth will pass away, but *My words will not pass away*."

1 Peter 1:23-25 -- For you have been born again not of seed which is perishable but imperishable, that is, through the *living and abiding word of God*.

"The number of manuscripts of the New Testament, of early translations from it, and of quotations from it in the oldest writers of the Church, is so large that it is practically certain that the true reading of every doubtful passage is preserved in some one or other of these ancient authorities. This can be said of no other ancient book in the world... The Christian can take the whole Bible in his hand and say without fear or hesitation that he holds in it the true word of God, handed down without essential loss from generation to generation throughout the centuries."

-- Sir Frederic Kenyon,

Curator of the British Museum for 25 years
Our Bible and the Ancient Manuscripts

☐ THE BIBLE IS SUFFICIENT?

2 Peter 1:3 -- His divine power has granted to us *everything pertaining to life and godliness, through the true knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and excellence*.

* Faith believes Christ's Word is not dated!

☐ TO OBEY THE GOSPEL?

2 Thessalonians 1:7-8 -- ...when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with His mighty angels in flaming fire, *dealing out retribution to those who do not know God and to those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus*.

1 Peter 4:17 -- For it is time for *judgment* to begin with the household of God; and if it begins with us first, what will be the outcome for those who do not obey the gospel of God?

☐ THE SUPREMACY OF THE SON?

Hebrews 1:1-2 -- *God, after He spoke long ago to the fathers in the prophets in many portions and in many ways, in these last days has spoken to us in His Son*...

John 3:36 -- He who believes in the Son has eternal life; but he who does not *obey the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abides in him*.

[The book of Hebrews is an argument that no man, prophet, lawgiver, or angel has the authority to change what Jesus Christ, the Son of God has delivered. There are claims to other covenants, but who died in order to ratify them? Hebrews 9:16-17]

☐ ABOUT THE RIGHT GOD?

The Father is called God -- **John 20:17**

The Son is called God -- **Hebrews 1:8; Titus 2:13**

The Holy Spirit is called God -- **Acts 5:3-4**
(See also **Matthew 28:19**)

☐ THE IMPORTANCE OF CHURCH?

Ephesians 5:23,25 -- ...as Christ also is the head of the church, *He himself being the Savior of the body*... just as *Christ* also loved the church and gave *Himself up for her*.

☐ THE FIRST CENTURY CHURCH?

Romans 16:16 -- ...the churches of Christ salute you.

33 A.D. -- Beginning of the Church of Christ

325 A.D. -- Beginning of the Catholic church

1530 A.D. -- Beginning of Lutheran church

1536 A.D. -- Beginning of Presbyterian church

1609 A.D. -- Beginning of Episcopal church

1611 A.D. -- Beginning of Baptist church

1739 A.D. -- Beginning of Methodist church

1840s A.D. -- Beginning of Adventist, Jehovah's Witness, Mormon, etc.

* There were Christian's before most of these churches were started.

☐ TO DO ALL COMMANDED?

Matthew 28:20 -- Teaching them to observe *all that I [Jesus] commanded* you...

1. To **believe** (Hebrews 11:6; Mark 16:16) through the Scriptures (Romans 10:15; 2 Thessalonians 2:13-14).
2. To **Repent** (Acts 17:30; Luke 13:3,5).
3. To **Confess** (Romans 10:9-10).
4. To **be Baptized** (Acts 8:35-36; 10:47-48; 22:16; Romans 6:3-4).
5. To **walk in the light** (1 John 1:7) and **grow to spiritual maturity** (2 Peter 1:5-11; Ephesians 4:11-13).

☐ TO PLEASE GOD?

Ephesians 5:8-10 -- For you were formerly darkness, but now you are light in the Lord; walk as children of light... trying to *learn what is pleasing to the Lord*.

1 Thessalonians 4:1 -- ...we request and exhort you in the Lord Jesus, that, as you received from us instruction as to how you ought to walk and please God...