

Beware Of The Delusion

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Are we Christians to follow every command in the New Testament and not question anything? Are we Christians to follow all of the words and rules and commands in the every book of the New Testament? Are we to follow the Preachers blindly and not question them when they preach something other than what is written in the Bible? Are we to put all of our trust in our preachers and accept everything they teach and preach?

Every Church I have visited has their own beliefs of what is correct for them to do and to believe. Go to all of the Denominations worship houses and they all teach differently. Than there are the non-denomination Churches and you will find they also worship differently. There are different ways of doing the same thing.

Can teaching anything other than what is written in the Bible be called heresy? The words in the New Testament say to do one thing and the teachers/minister/preachers of today say we do not have to follow all of the instructions in the Bible because it was only tradition from their time.

Among theses different groups of Christians I found they accuse others of teaching wrong, or not having the Spirit, doing un-Godly things during worship, not being in the Church of Jesus Christ. Here is a very short list of some of them things I heard said and read.

> Some Christians say if you do not follow the baptism as it is written in the New Testament your guilty of false teaching. The Bible indicates immersion in water the same day they say they believe and Jesus is the savior – sprinkling is not baptism. Some ministers call Baptism an outward sign of a inward grace there fore they may Baptize new Believers once a month and sometime only do this a few times a year.

> Some Christians take communion and drink from the same cup and the bread is real bread not made with yeast. They believe that If a Church does it any other way they are wrong and not following the guidelines in the New Testament its being done wrong and taught wrong. The wafer is criticized by many.

> Some Christians say that if your in a denomination you worshipping in a man made religion.

Ø Some Christians say that if your Church has a name this name is you're religion and your not worshipping Jesus Christ.

- > **Some Christians say if you use musical instrument during worship service you are not following the guidelines in the new testament... No instruments were used.**
- > **Some Christians say your not to call any man Father or Rabbi nor Reverend. The Churches that do are following this man and not the Lord. Bow down and kiss a mans hand and call him Father what Church and people do this?**
- > **Some Churches say the New Testament does not command a Christians to give 10 percent.**
- > **I been told that the Holy Spirit gifts to the early Christians and disciples was for them to get the Church started in the right direction. Others say we can have the same gifts if we truly believe. There are some Churches that say that if you cannot speak in tongues you do not have the Holy Spirit.**
- > **I been told that the Bible is the guidelines on Gods laws, history and guidelines on Christianity. Does this mean we can obey a few laws and do what we want?**
- > **Some Christians say The Lords day Is Sunday the first day of the week and this when we must worship the Lord. There are Christians that say the seventh day of the week which is Saturday is the day God said to rest and keep it Holy, so they worship on the 7th day.**
- > **Some Christian females say they must have their heads covered during worship service, praying and must dress modestly, and they are not allowed to speak during service. There are others that say this was only a tradition and do not follow the instructions in 1 Cor 11:1-16**

Who is correct? What is the correct procedure for Christians to follow? The easy answer is to do what the Bible has written. So why are there so many different Churches and teachings and one Bible.

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

Col:2:8: Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ.

2Th:3:6: Now we command you, brethren, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye withdraw yourselves from every brother that walketh disorderly, and not after the tradition which he received of us.

1Co:11:2: Now I praise you, brethren, that ye remember me in all things, and keep the ordinances, as I delivered them to you.

Rom:16:17: Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them.

Ro:16:18: For they that are such serve not our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly; and by good words and fair speeches deceive the hearts of the simple.

2Th:2:8: And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming:

2Th:2:9: Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders,

2Th:2:10: And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved.

2Thessalonians:2:11: And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie:

2Th:2:12: That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

John:1:17: For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ.

John:4:23: But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him.

John:4:24: God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.

There are Christians that are naive, and gullible. Once saved, they want and expect more from the Lord and easily persuaded to give more money in order to receive more from the Lord. They hear what they want to hear and follow the path that suites them which may not be the same path the Lord is on.

2Co:4:3: But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost:

2Co:4:4: In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.

The Churches criticize each other, finger pointing, calling each other false prophets, calling others an cult. Where does it all stop and how did it get started. Jesus Christ did not cause this mass confusion. So who or what did start his mess. It looks like all of mankind is like Adam and Eve – not perfect. Maybe God allowed a forest to grow to block the sinners path's to the truth.

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Ex:4:21: And the LORD said unto Moses, When thou goest to return into Egypt, see that thou do all those wonders before Pharaoh, which I have put in thine hand: but I will harden his heart, that he shall not let the people go.

Ex:7:2: Thou shalt speak all that I command thee: and Aaron thy brother shall speak unto Pharaoh, that he send the children of Israel out of his land.

Ex:7:3: And I will harden Pharaoh's heart, and multiply my signs and my wonders in the land of Egypt.

Ex:7:4: But Pharaoh shall not hearken unto you, that I may lay my hand upon Egypt, and bring forth mine armies, and my people the children of Israel, out of the land of Egypt by great judgments.

Ex:7:5: And the Egyptians shall know that I am the LORD, when I stretch forth mine hand upon Egypt, and bring out the children of Israel from among them.

Ex:14:17: And I, behold, I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians, and they shall follow them: and I will get me honour upon Pharaoh, and upon all his host, upon his chariots, and upon his horsemen.

Ex:14:18: And the Egyptians shall know that I am the LORD, when I have gotten me honour upon Pharaoh, upon his chariots, and upon his horsemen.

In the past 5 years I have spent many hours reading and researching in books, the Bible, Internet, and the Library. I have talked with many people and listened to their views and teachings. During worship services my ears and eyes and heart and mind is open. In Sunday school classes I listened and when I don't agree or give my view it was ignored or contradicted. So I kept my views to myself which is not the correct thing to do which indicated I was at the wrong place. I know when to open my mouth and when not to open my mouth. I heard teachers implying and outwardly saying and commenting on biblical truths and calling them the traditions of their time and we do not have to follow these traditions in our time.

2Th:2:15: Therefore, brethren, stand fast, and hold the traditions which ye have been taught, whether by word, or our epistle.

Ga:1:8: 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.

Ga:1:9: 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.

There is no doubt that there is a division in the Church of Christ.

The Lords Church is divided and his people are to be on one accord but they are not.

How did this happen?

Why did it happen?

What caused this to happen?

Sin? Heresy? False Prophets?

Jesus said this:

Joh:17:19: And for their sakes I sanctify myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth.

Joh:17:20: Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word;

Joh:17:21: 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.

Joh:17:22: And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one:

1Jo:4:1: Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world.

2Co:4:3: But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost:

2Co:4:4: In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.

Mark:7:6: He answered and said unto them, Well hath Esaias prophesied of you hypocrites, as it is written, This people honoureth me with their lips, but their heart is far from me.

Mark:7:7: Howbeit in vain do they worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men.

2Th:2:11: And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie:

M'r:12:30: 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.

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M't:28:17: And when they saw him, they worshipped him: but some doubted.

M't:28:18: And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.

M't:28:19: Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:

Mat:28:20: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

From the above I must assume they had all of their instructions and knew what to teach and who to teach - all nations the Gospel of Jesus.

The verses below do not use the exact phrase as in Mat. 28:19 but the outcome was they all received the Holy Spirit as they said would happen if they believed.

Ac: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.

Ac:8:16: (For as yet he was fallen upon none of them: only they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.)

Ac:10:48: And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord.

Ac:19:5: When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.

They can teach and Baptize all believers regardless of Race, Country, skin color or what ever. But the first real debate arose when it came to the gentiles obeying the same laws and rules as the Jews. The apostles and elders had a meeting and there was disputing. It does not say how heated the dispute was, but Peter took control. It was also Peter whom first started Baptizing the Gentiles. The spirit moved Peter to speak and this also showed his leadership.

Ac:15:6: And the apostles and elders came together for to consider of this matter.

Ac:15:7: And when there had been much disputing, Peter rose up, and said unto them, Men and brethren, ye know how that a good while ago God made choice among us, that the Gentiles by my mouth should hear the word of the gospel, and believe.

Ac:15:8: And God, which knoweth the hearts, bare them witness, giving them the Holy Ghost, even as he did unto us;

Ac:15:9: And put no difference between us and them, purifying their hearts by faith.

Ac:15:10: Now therefore why tempt ye God, to put a yoke upon the neck of the disciples, which neither our fathers nor we were able to bear?

Ac:15:11: But we believe that through the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ we shall be saved, even as they.

Ac:15:12: Then all the multitude kept silence, and gave audience to Barnabas and Paul, declaring what miracles and wonders God had wrought among the Gentiles by them.

Ac:15:13: And after they had held their peace, James answered, saying, Men and brethren, hearken unto me:

Ac:15:14: Simeon hath declared how God at the first did visit the Gentiles, to take out of them a people for his name.

Ac:15:15: And to this agree the words of the prophets; as it is written,

The dispute clearly showed they all did not agree but accepted and followed the leaders message and the dispute was over. This is the true Christian way. They discussed the

issues and accepted the final outcome. Why is it not this way now? Why the divisions? Why the finger pointing? It looks like everything was going smoothly than the gentiles joined in and the disputes started. The Bible clearly has guidelines but somehow we humans have taken the guidelines and interpret them our own way and have been handing down through the generations misinterpretations of the Bible. This should be an easy fixed but stubbornness gets in the way.

2Thessalonians:2:11: And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie:

2Tm:3:16: All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:

Ga:1:8: 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.

Ga:1:9: 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.

1Co:11:1: Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ.

1Co:11:2: Now I praise you, brethren, that ye remember me in all things, and keep the ordinances, as I delivered them to you.

2Co:4:3: But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost:

2Co:4:4: In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.

2Co:4:5: For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord; and ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake.

2Th:3:6: Now we command you, brethren, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye withdraw yourselves from every brother that walketh disorderly, and not after the tradition which he received of us.

2Th:3:14: And if any man obey not our word by this epistle, note that man, and have no company with him, that he may be ashamed.

2Tm:4:3: 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;

2Tm:4:4: And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.

2Tm:3:1: This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come.

2Tm:3:2: For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy,

2Tm:3:3: Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good,

2Tm:3:4: Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God;
2Tm:3:5: Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away.

Joh:13:34: A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another.

Joh:13:35: By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.

Pe:5:1: The elders which are among you I exhort, who am also an elder, and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, and also a partaker of the glory that shall be revealed:

1Pe:5:2: Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind;

1Pe:5:3: Neither as being lords over God's heritage, but being ensamples to the flock.

1Pe:5:4: And when the chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away.

1Pe:5:5: Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder. Yea, all of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble.

M't:15:13: But he answered and said, Every plant, which my heavenly Father hath not planted, shall be rooted up.

M't:15:14: Let them alone: they be blind leaders of the blind. And if the blind lead the blind, both shall fall into the ditch.

1Jo:2:18: Little children, it is the last time: and as ye have heard that antichrist shall come, even now are there many antichrists; whereby we know that it is the last time.

1Jo:2:19: They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would no doubt have continued with us: but they went out, that they might be made manifest that they were not all of us.

2Jo: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.

2Jo:1:10: If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into your house, neither bid him God speed:

Jamess:1:5: 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.

James:1:6: 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.

James:1:7: For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord.

James:1:8: A double minded man is unstable in all his ways.

Eph:4:29: Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers.

Eph:4:30: And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.

Eph:4:31: Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice:

Eph:4:32: And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.

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Re:22:12: And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be.

Re:22:13: I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last.

Re:22:14: Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city.

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