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### What Scriptures Say ...

Confusing and contradictory spiritual teachings compete for our attention. God is not the author of confusion, and His words written in Scripture will stand the test of time. What He has said will answer your questions and bring confidence to your convictions. You have heard what others say; now give yourself a chance to hear what *the Bible* says on important topics. Truth will chase away your doubts and clarify your confusion. If there was ever a time when going back to the Bible was important, it is today!



### GOD

### **CREATED EVERYTHING**

"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth' (Genesis 1:1).

### PROOF OF GOD'S EXISTENCE IN NATURE

"His invisible attributes, namely His eternal power and divine nature have been clearly perceived...in the things that have been made" (Romans 1:20).

### FOOLISH NOT TO BELIEVE IN GOD

"The fool says in his heart, 'There is no God'" (Psalm 14:1).

### GOD WANTS YOU TO KNOW THE TRUTH

"God desires all people to come to the knowledge of the truth" (1 Timothy 2:4).

### **JESUS CHRIST**

### THE VERY NATURE OF GOD

"Though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men" (Philippians 2:6-7).

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God" (John 1:1-2).

### JESUS WAS MIRACUOUSLY CONCEIVED

"Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel" (Matthew 1:23).

### JESUS WAS NOT AND IS NOT AN ANGEL

"As much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs. For to which of the angels did God ever say, 'You are my Son, today I have begotten you'''? (Hebrews 1:4-5).

### HE PAID THE PRICE FOR OUR SINS

"The Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." (Mark 10:45).

### **HE AROSE FROM THE DEAD**

"For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures" (1 Corinthians 15:4-5).

### JESUS IS THE LORD

"God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified" (Acts 2:36).

### **HE IS COMING AGAIN**

"This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven" (Acts 1:11).

"For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in

> Christ will rise first" (1 Thessalonians 4:16).

### SCRIPTURE

### **ORIGINATED WITH GOD**

"All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work." (2 Tim. 3:16).

### GOD'S FINAL REVELATION TO MANKIND

"In these last days he has spoken to us by his Son" (Hebrews 1:2).

### DO NOT GO BEYOND THE SCRIPTURE

"Learn by us not to go beyond what is written" (1 Corinthians 4:6).

### SCRIPTURE TRUTH NEVER CHANGES

"The word of the Lord remains forever" (1 Peter 1:25).

### THE ONLY GUIDE

"When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth" (John 16:13).

### MAN-MADE RELIGIOUS DOCTRINES NOT VALID

"In vain do they worship me, teaching as doctrines the commandments of men" (Matthew 15:9).

### ADDING & DELETING SCRIPTURE NOT ALLOWED

"I warn everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: if anyone adds to them, God will add to him the plagues described in this book, and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God will take away his share in the tree of life and in the holy city, which are described in this book" (Revelation 22:18-19).

### CAN UNDERSTAND THE BIBLE

"When you read this, you can perceive my insight into the mystery of Christ" (Ephesians 3:4).

### SALVATION

### **INFANTS NOT BORN IN SIN**

"The soul who sins shall die. The son shall not suffer for the iniquity of the father, nor the father suffer for the iniquity of the son. The righteousness of the righteous shall be upon himself, and the wickedness of the wicked shall be upon himself" (Ezekiel 18:20).

### SIN IS AN ACT COMMITTED, NOT GUILT INHERITED

"Everyone who makes a practice of sinning also practices lawlessness; sin is lawlessness" (1 John 3:4).

### OBEDIENT FAITH (TRUST) IN JESUS IS VITAL

"Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life; whoever does not obey the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God remains on him" (John 3:36).

"You see that a person is justified by works and not by faith alone....For as the body apart from the spirit is dead, so also faith apart from works is dead" (James 2:24, 26).

### GOD REQUIRES EVERYONE TO REPENT

"Now he commands all people everywhere to repent" (Acts 17:30).

### BAPTISM IS NECESSARY FOR SALVATION

"Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit" (Acts 2:38).
"And now why do you wait? Rise and be baptized and wash away your sins, calling on his name" (Acts 22:16).

### BIBLE BAPTISM IS BY IMMERSION



"They both went down into the water, Philip and the eunuch, and he baptized him. And when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord carried

Philip away" (Acts 8:38).

### TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE; TOMORROW MAY BE TOO LATE!

### **GOD'S CHURCH**

### THE ORIGINAL CHURCH JESUS BUILT STILL EXISTS

"I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it" (Matthew 16:18).

### HIS CHURCH MATTERS; JESUS DIED FOR IT

"Care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood" (Acts 20:28).

Christ loved the church and gave "himself up for her" (Ephesians 5:25).

### GOD ADDS ALL SAVED PEOPLE TO HIS CHURCH

"And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved" (Acts 2:47).

### BEING PART OF CHRIST'S CHURCH IS BEING UNITED WITH CHRIST

"The church is his body" (Ephesians 1:22). "You are the body of Christ and individually members of it" (1 Corinthians 12:27).

### WORSHIP

### WORSHIP MUST BE AUTHORIZED BY TRUTH

"God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth" (John 4:24). "Your word is truth" (John 17:17).

### JESUS: ONLY MEDIATOR BETWEEN GOD AND MAN

"For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus" (1 Timothy 2:5). "Truly, truly, I say to you, whatever you ask of the Father in my name, he will give it to you"

(John 16:23).

### WE MUST PRAY THROUGH NO ONE ELSE

"He is able to save to the uttermostb those who draw near to God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them" (Hebrews 7:25).

### GOD HAS NEVER ALLOWED BOWING BEFORE IMAGES

"You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or serve them" (Deuteronomy 5:8).

### PREACHERS MUST PREACH THE WORD OF GOD, NOTHING ELSE

"Preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching. For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths" (2 Timothy 4:2-4).

### GOD HAS AUTHORIZED VOCAL MUSIC AS PRAISE

"Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God" (Colossians 3:16).

### SUNDAY IS THE DAY OF COMMUNION & WORSHIP

"On the first day of the week, when we were gathered together to break bread" (Acts 20:7).

### CHRISTIAN LIVING



"Therefore, having put away falsehood, let each one of you speak the truth with his neighbor, for we are members one of another. Be angry and do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and give no opportunity to the devil. Let the thief no longer steal, but rather let him labor, doing honest work with his own hands, so that he may have something to share with anyone in need. Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you" (Ephesians 4:25-32).

ETERNITY

### THE SPIRIT RETURNS TO GOD

"The spirit returns to God who gave it" (Ecclesiastes 12:7).

### DEATH SEALS ETERNAL DESTINY

"It is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment" (Hebrews 9:27).

### EVERYONE WILL BE RAISED FROM THE GRAVE

"All in the tombs will hear his voice and come out, those who have done good to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil to the resurrection of judgment" (John 5:28-29).

### **HEAVEN IS REAL**

"He has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ..., to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you" (1 Peter 1:3-4).

### THERE IS A REAL HELL, TOO

"And if your hand causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life crippled than with two hands to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life lame than with two feet to be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out. It is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into hell " (Mark 9:43-48).

"Then he will say to those on his left, "Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels....And these will go away into eternal punishment"" (Matthew 25:41-46).

### THE DAY OF JUDGMENT IS COMING

"It is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment" (Hebrews 9:27).

### JUDGED BY WHAT THE SCRIPTURES TEACH

"The one who rejects me and does not receive my words has a judge; the word that I have spoken will judge him on the last day" (John 12:48).

### YOU CAN BE A CHRISTIAN WITHOUT BEING PROTESTANT OR CATHOLIC

### GOD'S PROVIDENCE

### ASK HIM TO LEAD YOU TO THE TRUTH

"Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. Everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened" (Matthew 7:7-8).

### BE ACTIVE IN SEARCHING DON'T GIVE UP!

"The kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it" (Matthew 13:45-46).



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