

Any Way to Do Christianity Is Ok?

All Scriptures from The Old and New King James Versions

The complete importance, of following all the Bible, is shown in the scripture below. Salvation depends on obedience throughout our lifetime, not just in first obedience.

Heb 5:8 though He was a Son, yet He learned obedience by the things which He suffered. 9 And having been perfected, He became the author of eternal salvation to all who obey Him.

Our opinions will lead us the wrong way. This is true in any generation.

Pro 14:12 There is a way that seems right to a man, But its end is the way of death.

Our submission to God's word is the only way to be safe.

Isa 55:8 "For My thoughts are not your thoughts, Nor are your ways My ways," says the LORD. 9 "For as the heavens are higher than the earth, So are My ways higher than your ways, And My thoughts than your thoughts.

Jer 10:23 O LORD, I know the way of man is not in himself; It is not in man who walks to direct his own steps.

Don't base anything on one scripture without considering all scripture. Scripture does not contradict its self in its' teaching. If your conclusions contradict just one scripture then your conclusions are wrong. We must be willing to change to what all scripture teaches. Don't try to get around scripture teachings, just because it is against what you always believed and what you were always taught. God is wiser than you and anyone else. Learn his ways and not your own or theirs.

Eze 3:10 Moreover He said to me: "Son of man, receive into your heart all My words that I speak to you, and hear with your ears.

Deu 4:10 especially concerning the day you stood before the LORD your God in Horeb, when the LORD said to me, 'Gather the people to Me, and I will let them hear My words, that they may learn to fear Me all the days they live on the earth, and that they may teach their children.'

Psa 119:71 It is good for me that I have been afflicted, That I may learn Your statutes. 72 The law of Your mouth is better to me Than thousands of coins of gold and silver. 73 Your hands have made me and fashioned me; Give me understanding, that I may learn Your commandments.

1Co 4:6 Now these things, brethren, I have figuratively transferred to myself and Apollos for your sakes, that you may learn in us not to think beyond what is written, that none of you may be puffed up on behalf of one against the other.

What is written is referring to what is written in the word of God.

Mat 11:28 *Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. 29 Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. 30 For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.*

I am not trying to destroy any group. I am trying to get people to leave mis-teaching no matter what it takes. Don't let the group, you are with, take you from the clear and simple teaching of scriptures. Do what is necessary to stay with, what the Bible teaches. All Christian groups are ok, aren't they? Well maybe not. Scripture must be the creed book we follow and not what a group of men got together to tell you what to believe. Remember what the Bible says about all scripture.

2Ti 3:15 *and that from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. 16 All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, 17 that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.*

Remember what Jesus Christ said.

Luk 6:46 *"But why do you call Me 'Lord, Lord,' and not do the things which I say? 47 Whoever comes to Me, and hears My sayings and does them, I will show you whom he is like:*

Mat 7:21 *"Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven. 22 Many will say to Me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?' 23 And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!'*

How can you be saved if you can't call him your lord? This totally dependent on you obeying everything Jesus Christ said and what the apostils said.

Joh 14:23 *Jesus answered and said to him, "If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him. 24 He who does not love Me does not keep My words; and the word which you hear is not Mine but the Father's who sent Me. 25 "These things I have spoken to you while being present with you. 26 But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you.*

Mat 18:18 *"Assuredly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.*

This shows that the things the apostils said are from Jesus Christ. How can you call him lord if you don't study to know everything God has taught us to do?

Pray for God's help. He will help you to do this.

Mar 9:23 Jesus said to him, "If you can believe, all things are possible to him who believes." **24** Immediately the father of the child cried out and said with tears, "Lord, I believe; help my unbelief!"

Act 26:21 For these reasons the Jews seized me in the temple and tried to kill me. **22** Therefore, having obtained help from God, to this day I stand, witnessing both to small and great, saying no other things than those which the prophets and Moses said would come—

Heb 4:11 Let us therefore be diligent to enter that rest, lest anyone fall according to the same example of disobedience. **12** For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. **13** And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are naked and open to the eyes of Him to whom we must give account. **14** Seeing then that we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. **15** For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin. **16** Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Rom 8:25 But if we hope for what we do not see, we eagerly wait for it with perseverance. **26** Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.

I can just about guarantee you will not get enough information from preachers or Bible class teachers. You must study on your own to gain this knowledge. Even the best preachers or teachers can't cover everything. We must realize that every command given to the Christians in the Bible applies to us as well as them. Whatever commanded by Jesus or the apostles given applies to us.

Act 17:10 Then the brethren immediately sent Paul and Silas away by night to Berea. When they arrived, they went into the synagogue of the Jews. **11** These were more fair-minded than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness, and searched the Scriptures daily to find out whether these things were so.

We must do as the Bereans to see if what we are being taught is what the Bible teaches. God is the inspiration not men. Your own personal study, is the only way to be sure. It is ok to listen to men, but test what they say with all scriptures. Beware of those who dwell on only a few scriptures and say this is enough. Remember if only one scripture contradicts what they teach then they are wrong. We must do exactly what scriptures say. Don't delude yourself as Saul did. Remember what Samuel said to Saul. God wants it his way and no other way.

The command was:

1Sa 15:18 Now the LORD sent you on a mission, and said, 'Go, and utterly destroy the sinners, the Amalekites, and fight against them until they are consumed.' **19** Why then did you not obey the voice of the LORD? Why did you swoop down on the spoil, and do

evil in the sight of the LORD?" **20** And Saul said to Samuel, "But I have obeyed the voice of the LORD, and gone on the mission on which the LORD sent me, and brought back Agag king of Amalek; I have utterly destroyed the Amalekites. **21** But the people took of the plunder, sheep and oxen, the best of the things which should have been utterly destroyed, to sacrifice to the LORD your God in Gilgal." **22** So Samuel said: "Has the LORD as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, As in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, And to heed than the fat of rams. **23** For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, And stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry. Because you have rejected the word of the LORD, He also has rejected you from being king." **24** Then Saul said to Samuel, "I have sinned, for I have transgressed the commandment of the LORD and your words, because I feared the people and obeyed their voice. **25** Now therefore, please pardon my sin, and return with me, that I may worship the LORD." **26** But Samuel said to Saul, "I will not return with you, for you have rejected the word of the LORD, and the LORD has rejected you from being king over Israel."

Saul presumed what he did was obedience. He deceived himself. We must keep from presumptuous sins. Decisions must be made following scriptures.

Psa 19:12 Who can understand his errors? Cleanse me from secret faults. **13** Keep back Your servant also from presumptuous sins; Let them not have dominion over me. Then I shall be blameless, And I shall be innocent of great transgression. **14** Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart Be acceptable in Your sight, O LORD, my strength and my Redeemer.

2Pe 2:9 then the Lord knows how to deliver the godly out of temptations and to reserve the unjust under punishment for the day of judgment, **10** and especially those who walk according to the flesh in the lust of uncleanness and despise authority. They are presumptuous, self-willed. They are not afraid to speak evil of dignitaries,

We must follow the pattern God has laid out for us.

2Ti 1:7 For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind. **8** Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me His prisoner, but share with me in the sufferings for the gospel according to the power of God, **9** who has saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace which was given to us in Christ Jesus before time began, **10** but has now been revealed by the appearing of our Savior Jesus Christ, who has abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel, **11** to which I was appointed a preacher, an apostle, and a teacher of the Gentiles. **12** For this reason I also suffer these things; nevertheless I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed and am persuaded that He is able to keep what I have committed to Him until that Day. **13** Hold fast the pattern of sound words which you have heard from me, in faith and love which are in Christ Jesus. **14** That good thing which was committed to you, keep by the Holy Spirit who dwells in us

Even after we first obey, we must follow the pattern. This means we must be careful in the things we allow.

Rom 14:21 It is good neither to eat meat nor drink wine nor do anything by which your brother stumbles or is offended or is made weak. **22** Do you have faith? Have it to yourself before God. Happy is he who does not condemn himself in what he approves.

Man has always, it seems, to think their way is better. The truth is God is always right. God's way is better.

Isa 55:8 "For My thoughts are not your thoughts, Nor are your ways My ways," says the LORD. 9 "For as the heavens are higher than the earth, So are My ways higher than your ways, And My thoughts than your thoughts."

Pro 14:12 There is a way that seems right to a man, But its end is the way of death.

Jer 10:23 O LORD, I know the way of man is not in himself; It is not in man who walks to direct his own steps.

This is why we must seek the pattern from scriptures.

1Ti 1:15 This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief. 16 However, for this reason I obtained mercy, that in me first Jesus Christ might show all longsuffering, as a pattern to those who are going to believe on Him for everlasting life.

We must not add to what scriptures say or take away from what it says. See the following scriptures.

Deu 4:2 Ye shall not add unto the word which I command you, neither shall ye diminish ought from it, that ye may keep the commandments of the LORD your God which I command you.

Jer 26:2 Thus saith the LORD; Stand in the court of the LORD'S house, and speak unto all the cities of Judah, which come to worship in the LORD'S house, all the words that I command thee to speak unto them; diminish not a word:

Rev 22:19 And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book.

Pro 30:5 Every word of God is pure; He is a shield to those who put their trust in Him. 6 Do not add to His words, Lest He rebuke you, and you be found a liar.

See my article on "Do God's Will.pdf" at mikesbiblestudies.com

In other words, do it God's way. Just because the scriptures don't say anything about a subject, doesn't give the privilege to do it. I am speaking of doctrine and teaching. There are things we have freedom to choose on because of necessity. The commands must be obeyed. In the case it says to deliver the gospel to all people. God did not say what method. It still must be done. We can use feet, car, bus, or plane. This is inferred in the command and is acceptable. We still must be careful not to use things which go against God's way.

Example: we cannot use coke and hamburger in the lord's supper. Why? Because Jesus used the fruit of the vine and uneven bread. Anything else would be against the example given.

Things we must do to do it God's way.

Obey all his commands.

Use bible examples to determine what God approved then as well as now. Do it God's way not your own. Don't add to what the Bible taught or take away from what God taught. Just because the Bible does not say about a subject does not give freedom to do whatever you want. Don't think, just because you think, something men have decided to do, is a good work. Use the examples in scripture to determine what is a good work. Men are not inspired the Bible is. Remember the work determined this way is not a work of God but a work of men. You can't be justified by this type of work. Only works of faith, or works of God. Which is the things God commanded.

Mat 7:22 Many will say to Me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?' 23 And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!'

**Questions or request for Bible studies: Contact Mt Olive Church of Christ Mt Olive AL. 205-631-9182 Or contact me, Michael R. Rouse. 205-607- 4139 avoidsin2@gmail.com
My webpage mikesbiblestudies.com**