

Heed this warning!

2Th 1:6 Seeing *it is* a righteous thing with God to recompense tribulation to them that trouble you; **7** And to you who are troubled rest with us, when ***the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels, 8 In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ:***

2Th 2:9 *Even him*, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders, **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. 11 And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: 12 That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness. KJV***

To obey the truth, you must love the truth!

What is the truth? The Bible, the Gospel, God's Word.

Joh 17:17 Sanctify them through thy truth: ***thy word is truth. KJV***

Eph 1:13 In whom ye also *trusted*, after that ye heard the word of truth, ***the gospel of your salvation:*** in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise, **KJV**

Col 1:5 For the hope which is laid up for you in heaven, ***whereof ye heard before in the word of the truth of the gospel; KJV***

We must have faith to please God.

Heb 11:6 ***But without faith it is impossible to please him:*** for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and *that* he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him. **KJV**

How do we gain this faith? By meditating and studying God's word.

Rom 10:16 But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Esaias saith, Lord, who hath believed our report? **17** ***So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God. KJV***

He created this universe this why he has made the Bible to help us to be in unity with him. He does this for our good. This is to keep us from destroying ourselves. We can't see the consequences of what we do, he can.

Isa 55:8 For my thoughts *are* not your thoughts, neither *are* your ways my ways, saith 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. **KJV**

This does not mean man cannot enjoy the simple things in this life. But when it comes to following a path to eternal life man is clueless without God's help. He gives Knowledge and help in his Word.

Joh 15:5 "I am the vine, you *are* the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing. NKJV

Jer 10:23 O LORD, I know that the way of man *is* not in himself: *it is* not in man that walketh to direct his steps.

Again we must develop a love of truth to develop faith. The love of all God has given in his word the Bible. This infers we must obey all commandments forever. God will not force you to obey but he warns of the consequences.

Heb 5:8 Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered; **9** And being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him; KJV

1Jn 2:1 My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous: **2** And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for *the sins of* the whole world. **3** And hereby we do know that we know him, if we keep his commandments. **4** He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him. **5** But whoso keepeth his word, in him verily is the love of God perfected: hereby know we that we are in him. **6** He that saith he abideth in him ought himself also so to walk, even as he walked. KJV

We show we love him because we keep his commandments. This is obedience.

1Jn 5:1 Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God: and every one that loveth him that begat loveth him also that is begotten of him. **2** By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God, and keep his commandments. **3** For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous. **4** For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, *even* our faith. **5** Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God? **6** This is he that came by water and blood, *even* Jesus Christ; not by water only, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit that beareth witness, because the Spirit is truth. **7** For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one. KJV

Rom 6:16 Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness? **17** But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you. **18** Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness. KJV

This scripture shows how scripture helps in our struggle to serve God.

2Co 10:3 For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh: **4** (For the weapons of our warfare *are* not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;) **5** Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ; KJV

Keep our opinions out of your belief. Use scripture to cement your belief.

Act 5:29 Then Peter and the *other* apostles answered and said, We ought to obey God rather than men. KJV

Obeying God includes everything Jesus said and what the Apostils said.

Joh 14:26 But the Comforter, *which is the Holy Ghost*, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you. **KJV**

Mat 16:19 And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. **KJV**

The book of Job shows how man's opinion is often wrong. Because of this we must rely on the Bible.

Job 32:4 Now Elihu had waited till Job had spoken, because they *were* elder than he. **5** When Elihu saw that *there was* no answer in the mouth of *these* three men, then his wrath was kindled. **6** And Elihu the son of Barachel the Buzite answered and said, I *am* young, and ye *are* very old; wherefore I was afraid, and durst not shew you *mine opinion*. ---- **8** But *there is* a spirit in man: and the inspiration of the Almighty giveth them understanding. **9** Great men are not *always* wise: neither do the aged understand judgment. **10** Therefore I said, Harken to me; I also will shew *mine opinion*. ---- **17** *I said*, I will answer also my part, I also will shew *mine opinion*. -- **7** And it was so, that after the LORD had spoken these words unto Job, the LORD said to Eliphaz the Temanite, My wrath is kindled against thee, and against thy two friends: for ye have not spoken of me the thing that is right, as my servant Job hath. **KJV**

Rom 11:25 For I do not desire, brethren, that you should be ignorant of this mystery, lest you should be wise in your own opinion, that blindness in part has happened to Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in. **NKJV**

Rom 12:9 Let love *be* without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil. Cling to what is good. **10** *Be* kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another; **11** not lagging in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord; **12** rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation, continuing steadfastly in prayer; **13** distributing to the needs of the saints, given to hospitality. **14** Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. **15** Rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep. **16** Be of the same mind toward one another. Do not set your mind on high things, but associate with the humble. Do not be wise in your own opinion. **17** Repay no one evil for evil. Have regard for good things in the sight of all men. **18** If it is possible, as much as depends on you, live peaceably with all men. **NKJV**

Rom 12:2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God. **3** For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith.

We should not add to or take away from God's word. Why? God's opinion is always better. When we add to or take away from scripture we are showing we think our opinion is better than his.

Man's arguments: Well he did not say not to. I think he meant this. Both arguments are flawed. Just do as he said. Don't try to explain away that which is in the simplicity of Christ. When you say I think he meant this, are you not putting your opinion or others opinions above God's? Also are you not saying God was not able to deliver his message simply to man?

If you were told to get coffee and butter at the grocery store and you got hot chocolate and butter. You added hot chocolate and took away coffee. Do you think the one who sent you would be pleased? You had the right to go to the store by any means because this was a necessary inference. You could walk or go in a car. Now do you understand the Biblical principal?

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.*

Satan and man always makes simple teachings complicated.

2Co 11:3 *But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ.*

2Pe 1:18 *And this voice which came from heaven we heard, when we were with him in the holy mount. **19** We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts: **20** Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation. **21** For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.*

You know we always go to the beginning teachings to teach God's salvation. Bear with me I want you to see the simple teachings.

Rom 10:13 *For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. **14** How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? **15** And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it*

is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things! 16 But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Esaias saith, Lord, who hath believed our report?

Hear the Gospel to gain faith:

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Believe God in his word:

Mar 1:15 ***And saying, The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel.***

Act 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.***

Believe that Jesus is the Christ (the savior of mankind)

Joh 8:24 ***I said therefore unto you, that ye shall die in your sins: for if ye believe not that I am he, ye shall die in your sins.***

Repent of your sins:

Rom 3:23 ***For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God; KJV***

Act 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. KJV***

Confess that believe Jesus is the Christ who died on the cross to save us:

Rom 10:10 ***For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. KJV***

Obey In Baptism:

This the only step you can't do by yourself. It is submission to God not a work of man.

Before Christ arose into the heavens He commanded the disciples to teach and baptize in the name of Father Son and the Holy Ghost.

Mat 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: KJV***

Note: By the name of or by the authority of their name.

Strong's reference to this Greek word G3686 ὄνομα onoma on'-om-ah

From a presumed derivative of the base of G1097 (compare G3685); a "name" (literally or figuratively), (authority, character): - called, (+ sur-) name (-d).

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Note: This scripture is not the teaching that they Baptized men in the Holy Ghost. Why? Because man can not command the Holy Ghost only God can. The fact they were told to do this speaks of water baptism. The only examples of The Baptism of the Holy Ghost were done by God in Acts 2 to the Apostils of God and by God in Acts 10 to Cornelius and those with him. Act 10:46 For they heard them speak with tongues, and magnify God. Then answered Peter, 47 Can any man forbid water, that these should not be baptized, which have received the Holy Ghost as well as we? Gentiles are now shown to be accepted by God.

In Acts 2 when the Apostles received the Baptism of the Holy Ghost, Peter preached by inspiration of the Holy Ghost:

Act 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. KJV

The repentance with Baptism lead to the remission of sins.

Baptism also doth now save us:

1Pe 3:20 Which sometime were disobedient, when once the longsuffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was a preparing, wherein few, that is, eight souls were saved by water. **21** The like figure whereunto *even baptism doth also now save us* (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God,) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ:

All the things taught in the plain of salvation are commands. Why would you ignore them?

These are the steps to salvation we teach. But I want you to realize something from this scripture:

Heb 5:8 Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered; **9** And being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him;

Does this not imply that we must obey God in everything to receive salvation?

This shows despite what many teach that this or that is not for salvation, all things commanded are for our salvation. You must obey God's commands forever. How can they claim anything commanded in God's word is not for salvation.

Wake up people! Obey God not man.

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