

Alan B. Williamson

First Principle Charts for Bible Teachers

2 Timothy 2:15 (ASV)
Give diligence to present
thyself approved unto
God, a workman that
needeth not to be
ashamed, handling aright
the word of truth.

R. David Brewer

First Principle Charts for Bible Teachers

Designed and Arranged by

R. David Brewer & Alan B. Williamson
6th Edition (PDF) For Internet Display
September 2005

Edited by David Brewer and updates five previous editions of these materials. Comments and suggestions can be made by writing to:

R. David Brewer -- 145 Lee Way, Chester, WV 26034
or through e-mail:
onesimus@pghchurchofchrist.org

© January 1999, August 2005

Although these charts are copyrighted, they are intended for use by Bible teachers. As long as they are not altered, they may be reproduced and used freely for the promotion of the gospel of Jesus Christ to the glory of God.

You may contact Christians in the Greater Pittsburgh area as follows:

Mailing address and location:
1300 Spring Run Road, Moon Township, PA 15108

Phone: 724-457-1112

E-mail: Westside@pghchurchofchrist.org

Table of Contents

Chart Name / Subject	Chart #
What The Bible Says About Itself	1
When There Are Differences...	2
God's System Of Religious Authority	3
Authority = Pleasing God	4
Understanding The Force Of Authority	5
Establishing Bible Authority	6
How Bible Authority Is Established	7
The Source Of Authority Is Not:	8
Practices Which Exist Without Bible Authority	9
How To Become A Christian	10
Examples Of Conversion In Acts Of The Apostles	11
Various Baptisms In Scripture	12
The New Birth	13
One Baptism...Which Is It?	14
Two Different Water Baptisms	15
As Easy As 2 + 2	16
Baptism: Does It Make Any Difference?	17
Remission Of Sins	18
The Great Commission	19
Ephesians 4:4-6	20
Saving Belief Involves...	21
Baptism Stands Between # 1	22
Baptism Stands Between #2	23
Ask Your Preacher...	24
God Commanded Water Baptism	25
Obedience To God's Command Results In...	26
What Men Say Vs. What The Bible Says	27
The New Birth # 2	28
The New Testament Vs. The Teaching Of Men	29

Table of Contents (continued)

Chart Name / Subject	Chart #
Adding To Or Subtracting From The Word Of God?	30
For The Remission Of Sins	31
What Will Happen If?	32
Not Saved By Works Of Merit...	33
But Not Without Obedience	34
Acts 19:1-5	35
Identifying The Lord's Church	36
The Church Built By Jesus	37
The House Of God Is The Church Of God...	38
Apostasy Foretold	39
Where Did Your Church Begin?	40
The Promise Made To Abraham	41
The Value Of The Old Covenant	42
The Nature Of The Law Of Moses	43
The Ten Commandments And The Law Of Christ	44
Concerning The Sabbath	45
In The Name Of Jesus	46
1 Corinthians 13:8-13	47
Miracles - Bible Vs. 20Th Century	48
Tongue Speaking	49
The Fulfillment Of Messianic Prophecy	50
The Last 24 Hours - 16 Prophecies Fulfilled	51
Zechariah 6:12-13	52
Thy Kingdom Come	53
The Foundation Of Premillennialism?	54
A Look At The World Kingdoms- Daniel & Revelation	55
The Horns & The Beast	56
Revelation 19 & 20 - Literal Or Figurative?	57
A Bird In The Hand...	58

WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS ABOUT ITSELF

IT CLAIMS TO BE THE WORD OF GOD

1 Corinthians 14:37 (NKJV)

"If anyone thinks himself to be a prophet or spiritual, let him acknowledge that the things which I write to you are the commandments of the Lord."

1 Thessalonians 2:13 (KJV)

"For this cause also thank we God without ceasing, because, when ye received the word of God which ye heard of us, ye received it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which effectually worketh also in you that believe."

IT IS NOT TO BE CHANGED OR ALTERED

Deuteronomy 4:1-2 (KJV)

"Now therefore hearken, O Israel, unto the statutes and unto the judgments, which I teach you, for to do them, that ye may live, and go in and possess the land which the LORD God of your fathers giveth you. 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."

Revelation 22:18-19 (KJV)

"For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, if any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book: 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."

**When there are
differences
between us**



**BOTH
CANNOT BE RIGHT!**

Three possibilities:

You are right, I am wrong.

I am right, you are wrong.

We are both wrong!

RELIGIOUS AUTHORITY

GOD'S SYSTEM OF RELIGIOUS AUTHORITY

ISAIAH 46:9-10
ISAIAH 55:8-9

GOD

ACTS 3:22ff
EPHESIANS 1:20ff
JOHN 12:48ff

CHRIST

JOHN 14:26
JOHN 16:12-13

HOLY SPIRIT

EPHESIANS 3:5
1 CORINTHIANS 2:9-14

APOSTLES & PROPHETS

JOHN 20:30-31
2 TIMOTHY 3:16
REVELATION 20:12

NEW TESTAMENT

MAN'S SYSTEM OF RELIGIOUS AUTHORITY

JEREMIAH 10:23
JEREMIAH 23:1-2

CHURCH LEADERS

EXODUS 23:2
MATTHEW 7:13-14

MAJORITY

MATTHEW 15:6
GALATIANS 1:14

RELIGION OF FATHERS

ACTS 23:1
ROMANS 2:15
JUDGES 21:25

CONSCIENCE

GENESIS 37:31ff
PROVERBS 28:25-26

FEELINGS

AUTHORITY = PLEASING GOD

A Matter of **DOING**:

EITHER...

WHAT GOD HAS SAID

- > Noah built an ark and did what God said....Genesis 6
- > Moses built a tabernacle and did what God said...Exodus 25

If doing what God says,
pleases Him...

OR...

WHAT GOD DID NOT SAY

- > Nadab & Abihu did that which God did not say...Leviticus 10
- > Saul did partly what God had said and partly not...1 Sam. 15

Then how can doing
what He hasn't said
also please Him?

If God can be satisfied either way _____
It would be **IMPOSSIBLE** to **DISPLEASE** Him!

THE WORD -> FAITH -> GOD, WELL - PLEASED

ROMANS 10:17 HEBREWS 11:6

Matthew 7:21-23
Ephesians 5:10,17
John 8:28-29

Luke 6:46
1 Thessalonians 5:21
1 Corinthians 4:6

Understanding the Force of Authority

ONE EXERCISES IT:

I SAY "GO"
I SAY "COME"
I SAY "DO THIS"

THE OTHER OBEYS IT:

He GOES
HE COMES
HE DOES IT



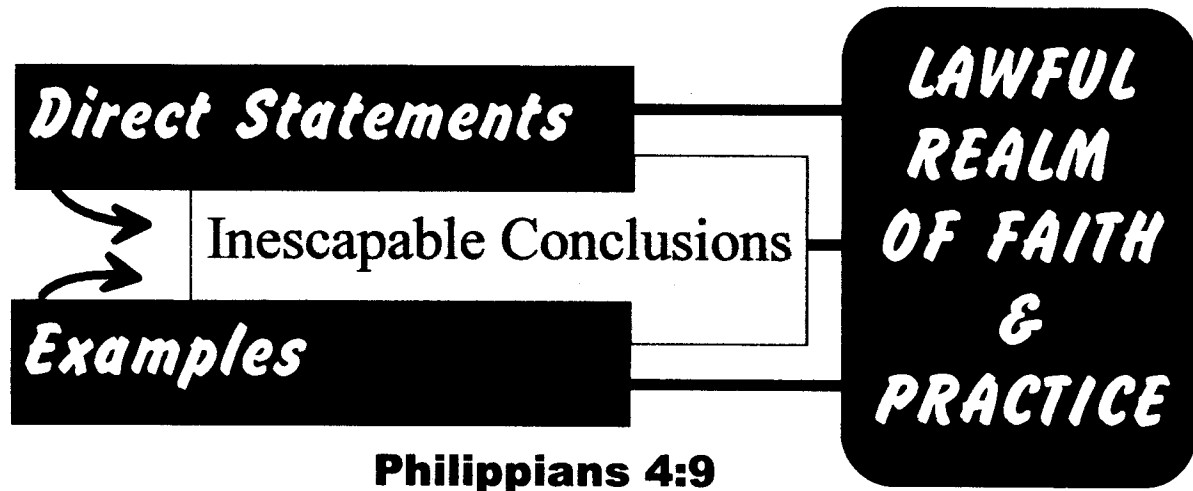
Matthew 8:8-9 The centurion answered and said, Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldest come under my roof: but speak the word only, and my servant shall be healed. For I am a man under authority, having soldiers under me: and I say to this man, Go, and he goeth; and to another, Come, and he cometh; and to my servant, Do this, and he doeth it.



ESTABLISHING BIBLE AUTHORITY

The Word of God - 2 Timothy 3:16-17

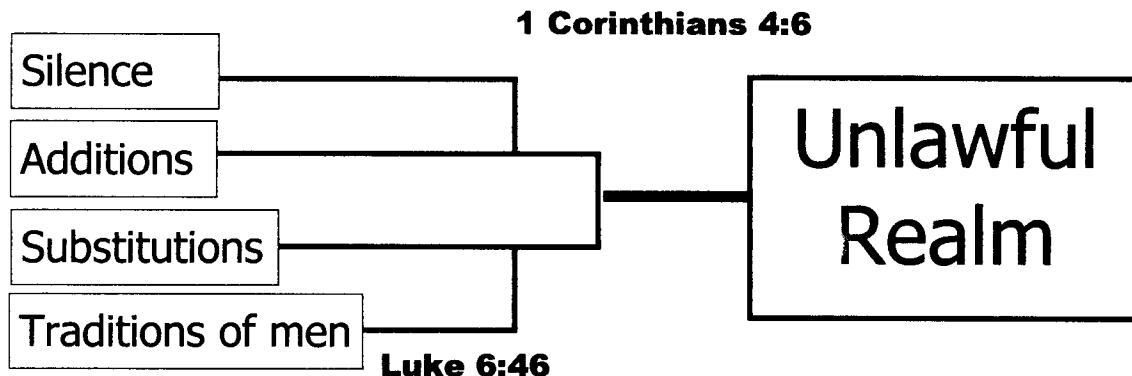
Colossians 3:17



Philippians 4:9

1 Thessalonians 5:21

The doctrines of men - Matthew 15:9



Matthew 7:21-23

HOW AUTHORITY IS ESTABLISHED:

▶ Direct Statement or Command.

All must repent - Acts 17:30
Christians are not to forsake the assemblies - Hebrews 10:25

▶ Approved Examples:

Philippians 4:9 "Those things, which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, do: and the God of peace shall be with you."

- * Breaking bread on the first day of the week - Acts 20:7
- * Churches sending benevolent relief to other churches
- Acts 11:29-30

Examples loose us to do whatever is approved in the example.

Inescapable Conclusion.

→ We sometimes must draw a conclusion from the information given by command and/or example.

Acts 20:7 - "first day of the week"

cf. Exodus 20:8 - "Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy."

WHICH SABBATH?

NUMBER OF SOLDIERS AT THE CROSS?

JOHN 19:23 " Then the soldiers, when they had crucified Jesus, took his garments, and made four parts, to every soldier a part; .."

THE SOURCE OF AUTHORITY IS NOT:

**DOCTRINES AND PRACTICES OF THE
OLD TESTAMENT**

WHATEVER THE "PREACHER" SAYS

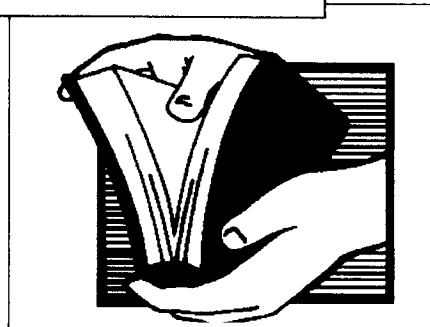
CREEDS OF MEN

**DESIRES OF THE MAJORITY
OR CONGREGATION**

ELDERS / BISHOPS / PASTORS

RESULTS ACCOMPLISHED

BUT...



Examples of religious practices which exist without Bible authority:

✓ **Sprinkling for baptism.**

(Acts 8:38-39 - went down into the water)

✓ **Burning incense.**

(Revelation 5:8 [NASV] - prayers of saints are incense today)

✓ **Sprinkling of "holy water."**

✓ **Bowing before images.**

✓ **Instruments of music in worship.**

(Ephesians 5:19)

✓ **Elders/bishops over two or more congregations.**

(1 Peter 5:2; Acts 14:23)

✓ **"Reverends" & "clergy."**

**NO POSITIVE BIBLE AUTHORITY
(BOOK, CHAPTER, VERSE)?
NO AUTHORITY AT ALL!**

How To Become A Christian

HEAR - *Romans 10:14 ; Mark 16:15-16*

BELIEVE - *Hebrews 11:6 ; John 8:24*

REPENT - *Acts 17:30-31 ; Acts 2:38*

CONFESS - *Rom. 10:9-10 ; Matt. 10:32-33*

BE BAPTIZED - *Galatians 3:26-27;
Romans 6:3-7; Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38; 8:35-38;
22:16; 1 Peter 3:20-21; Titus 3:5; Revelation 1:5*

*Romans 6:17 - "obeyed from the heart
that form of doctrine"*

EXAMPLES OF CONVERSION IN THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

Preach	Belief	Repent	Confess	Baptism	Salvation
Pentecost Acts 2:14-21		Repent Acts 2:37-38		Baptized Acts 2:38-41	Remission of Sins Acts 2:38,47
Samaria Acts 8:5-13	Believed Acts 8:12-13			Baptized Acts 8:12-13	
Eunuch Acts 8:35-39	Believed Acts 8:36-37		Confessed Acts 8:37	Baptized Acts 8:38	Rejoiced Acts 8:39
Saul Acts 9:17-18				Baptized Acts 9:18	Sins Washed Away Acts 22:16
Cornelius Acts 10:34-48	Believed Acts 10:43			Baptized Acts 10:48	Remission of Sins Acts 10:43
Lydia Acts 16:13-15	Attended Acts 16:14			Baptized Acts 16:15	
The Jailer Acts 16:31-33	Believed Acts 16:31			Baptized Acts 16:33	
Corinthians Acts 18:7-8	Believed Acts 18:8			Baptized Acts 18:8	
Ephesians Acts 19:1-5	Believed Acts 19:2	Repented Acts 19:4		Baptized Acts 19:5	
Preaching	Faith	Repentance	Confession	Baptism	Salvation
Romans 10:14 Mark 16:15-16	Hebrews 11:6 John 8:24	Acts 17:30-31 Acts 2:38	Romans 10:10 Matthew 10:32-33	Galatians 3:27 Romans 6:3-7	2 Timothy 2:10 Titus 2:11
"...but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you." Romans 6:17					

Various Baptisms in Scripture

THE BAPTISM OF MOSES

Exodus 14:13,21-22,30 : 1 Corinthians 10:1-2

VARIOUS OLD TESTAMENT WASHINGS (baptisms)

Hebrews 9:10 (Greek "baptismos")
Leviticus 11:25 : Numbers 19:13, 19, etc.

JOHN'S BAPTISM

John 1:26-28; 3:23 ; Matthew 21:25



BAPTISM IN (WITH) THE HOLY SPIRIT

Matthew 3:11 : John 1:33

BAPTISM OF FIRE

Matthew 3:11-12 - Different from baptism with the Holy Spirit

BAPTISM IN THE NAME OF JESUS

- * A water baptism - cf. Acts 8:35-36
- * Purpose - for the remission of sins - cf. Acts 2:38
- * Associated with Great Commission - Mark 16:15-16

The New Birth

John 3:5

(NKJV) Jesus answered, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God."

ONE NEW BIRTH - TWO ELEMENTS
WATER & SPIRIT



Baptism (immersion in water) in the name of Jesus (by His authority).

Titus 3:5 (KJV) Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost;

NOT OF WATER ALONE
ACTS 19:1-5

NOR OF THE SPIRIT ALONE
ACTS 10:47-48

Compare: Acts 2:38; Acts 22:16; 1 Peter 3:21; Revelation 1:5

In order to maintain the unity of the Spirit, there can be only

ONE BAPTISM

Ephesians 4:5

WHICH IS IT?

HOLY SPIRIT BAPTISM

Was a promise

Was limited

Administered by Jesus

Not necessary to
salvation

Attended by miracles,
gifts of the Spirit

*Distinct from the
laying on of an
apostle's hands
cf. Acts 8:12-21*

BAPTISM IN THE NAME OF JESUS

Was a command

Is universal

Administered by men

Essential to salvation

Associated with the Gift
of the Holy Spirit

*Distinct from
John's baptism
cf. Acts 19:1-5*

John's Baptism / Jesus' Baptism

TWO DIFFERENT WATER BAPTISMS

SIMILARITIES

- *Both in water*
- *Both for remission of sins*
- *Both by Divine authority*

DIFFERENCES

John's Baptism

- * Limited (to Israel)
- * Temporary
- * For repentance
- * Holy Spirit **NOT** given.

Baptism in the name of Jesus

- * Universal
- * Permanent
- * For salvation
- * Associated with the **Gift of the Holy Spirit**

AS EASY AS...

$$2+2=4$$

JESUS SAID:

**"HE THAT BELIEVETH AND IS BAPTIZED SHALL BE
SAVED..." MARK 16:16**

BELIEF + BAPTISM = SALVATION

MEN SAY:

**BELIEF (ALONE) = SALVATION,
THEN BAPTISM (LATER).**

**WHO ARE YOU
GOING
TO BELIEVE?**



BAPTISM:

DOES IT MAKE ANY DIFFERENCE?

Some would have you think "It doesn't make any difference" whether you are baptized or not.

DOES IT MAKE ANY DIFFERENCE IF:

YOUR SINS ARE FORGIVEN? cf. ACTS 2:38

YOUR SINS ARE WASHED AWAY? cf. ACTS 22:16

YOU ARE "IN CHRIST" OR NOT? cf. GALATIANS 3:27

YOU HAVE THE HOLY SPIRIT? cf. ACTS 2:38; 19:1-5

HAVE A CLEAR CONSCIENCE BEFORE GOD? cf. 1

PETER 3:21

YOU HAVE "NEW LIFE" IN CHRIST? cf. ROMANS 6:3-4

YOU ARE "SAVED" OR "LOST"? cf. MARK 16:16

Acts 10:47 (KJV) Can any man forbid water, that these should not be baptized, which have received the Holy Ghost as well as we?

Luke 7:29 (KJV) And all the people that heard him, and the publicans, justified God, being baptized with the baptism of John. But the Pharisees and lawyers rejected the counsel of God against themselves, being not baptized of him.

GOD HAS COMMANDED BAPTISM! DOES IT MAKE ANY DIFFERENCE IF I REFUSE TO OBEY HIM? cf. Hebrews 5:8-9

REMISSION OF SINS

"All have sinned and come short of the glory of God" - Romans 3:23

Remission of sins comes through the

BLOOD OF JESUS

Matthew 26:28 (KJV)

For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.

Remission of sins is associated with:

- > **PREACHING** **ACTS 13:38**
- > **BELIEVING** **ACTS 10:43**
- > **REPENTANCE** **LUKE 4:47; ACTS 5:31; 26:18**
- > **BAPTISM** **ACTS 2:38**
- > **SALVATION** **LUKE 1:77**

One is "lost" because of his sins. In order to be "saved" one must have his sins forgiven (the remission of sins). This is done through the preaching of the gospel of Jesus Christ. When one believes the message of the cross, repents of sin, and is baptized for the remission of his sins, he is then saved (cf. Mark 16:15-16). The Scriptures clearly reveal that each step is essential to having one's sins remitted. *There are no short cuts to the grace of God!*

THE GREAT COMMISSION

Matthew 28:19-20

- TEACH
- BAPTIZE
- TEACH ALL THINGS

Mark 16:15-16

- PREACH
- BELIEVE
- BAPTIZED
- SAVED

Luke 24:47

- PREACH
- REPENTANCE
- REMISSION OF SINS

The Sum of Jesus' Teaching

As added together from the gospels and practiced in the book of Acts

- | | |
|---|--------------|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1. PREACHING | Acts 2:14-36 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2. BELIEVING | Acts 2:37 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 3. REPENTANCE | Acts 2:38 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 4. BAPTISM | Acts 2:38 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 5. SALVATION | Acts 2:38 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 6. TEACHING | Acts 2:42 |

Then Philip opened his mouth, and began at the same scripture, and preached unto him Jesus. And as they went on their way, they came unto a certain water: and the eunuch said, See, here is water; what doth hinder me to be baptized? Acts 8:35-36

Can any man forbid water, that these should not be baptized, which have received the Holy Ghost as well as we? And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord. Then prayed they him to tarry certain days. Acts 10:47-48

"And why call ye me, Lord, Lord and do not the things which I say? - Luke 6:46

EPHESIANS 4:4-6

- ONE BODY
- ONE SPIRIT
- ONE HOPE
- ONE LORD
- ONE FAITH
- ONE BAPTISM
- ONE GOD

Of which of these may we have "two" before we disrupt the unity of the Faith?

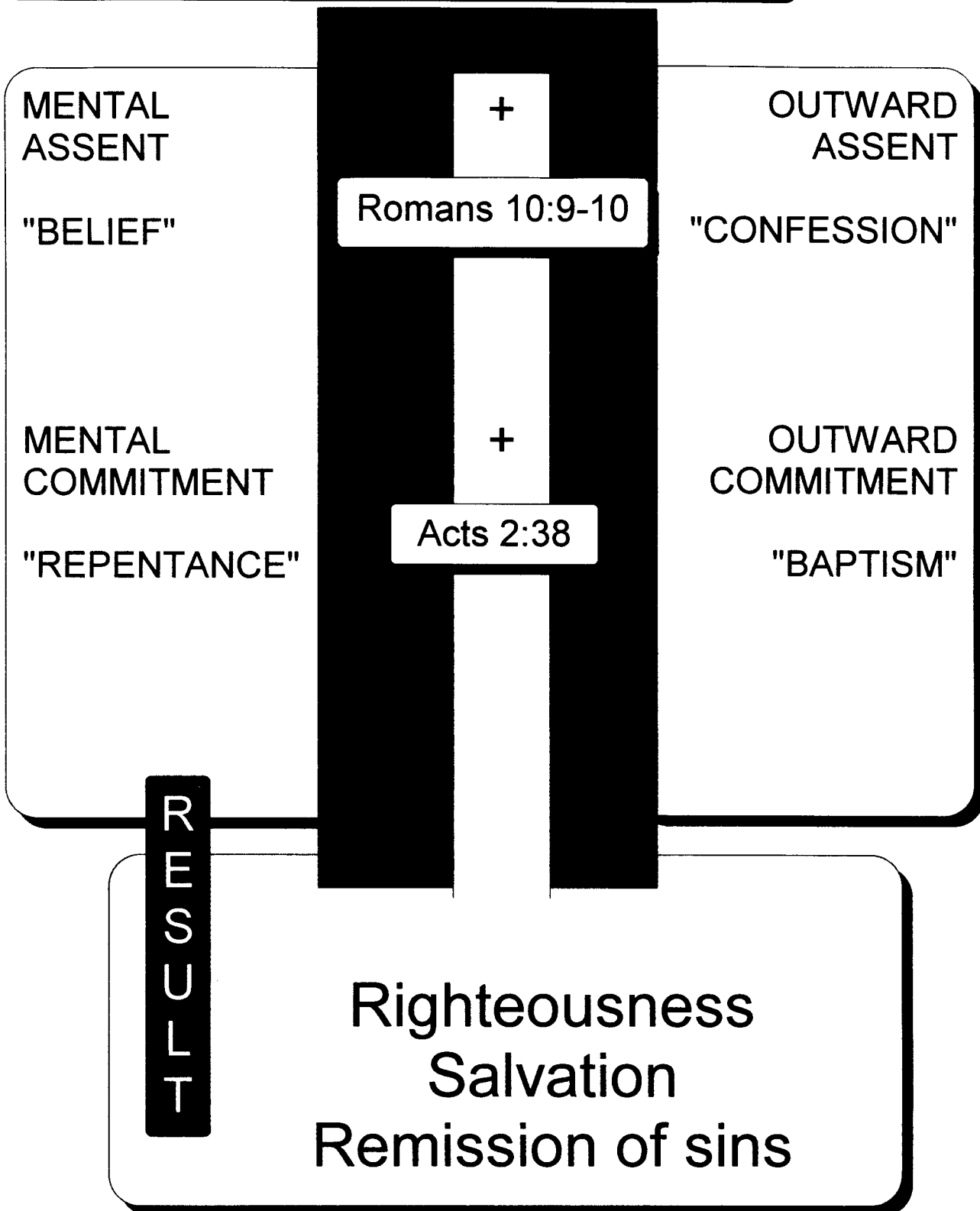
Two Gods? Two Lords?

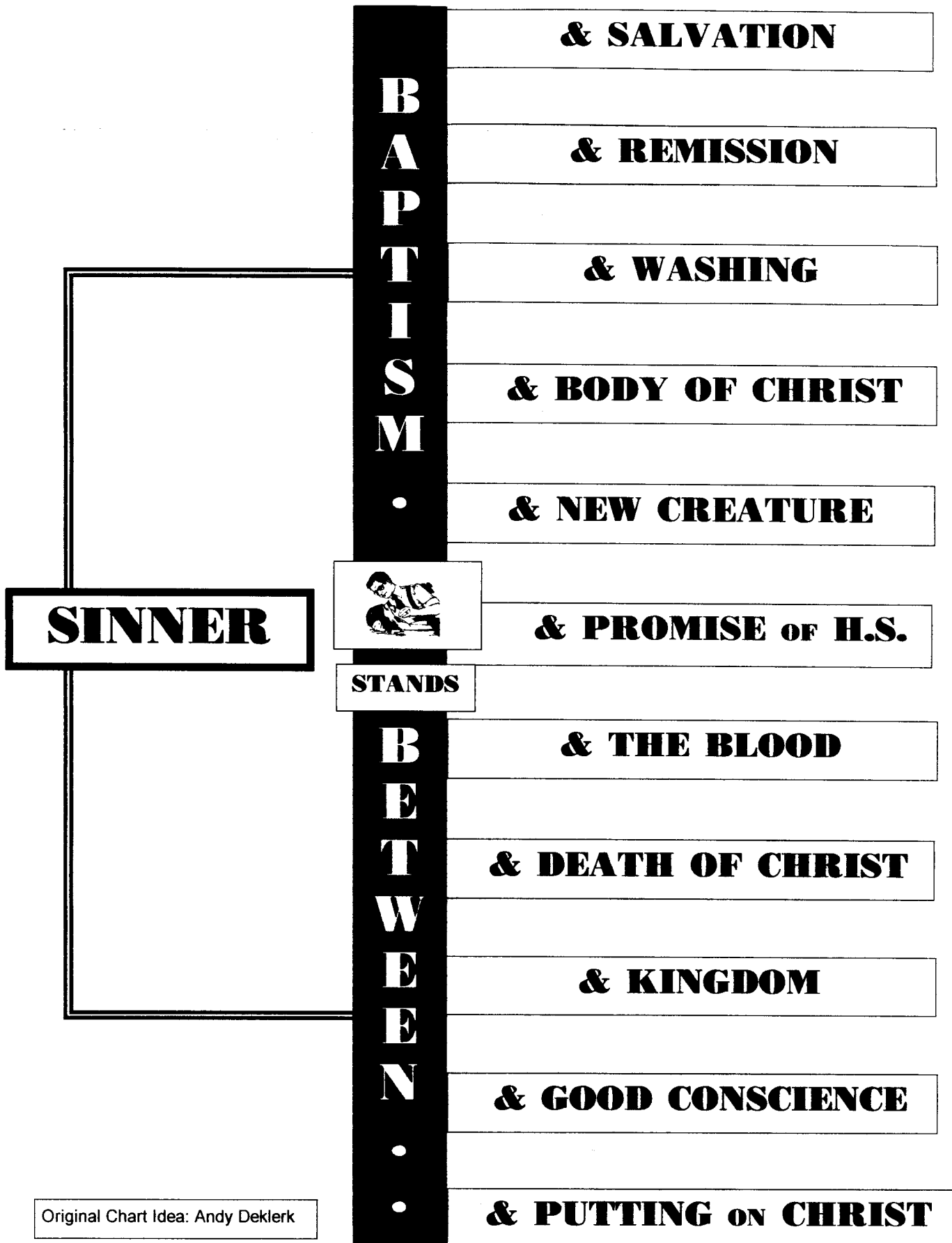
Two Holy Spirits?

NO!

Then why accept multiple "bodies (churches), faiths, hopes, or baptisms?"

SAVING BELIEF INVOLVES





Original Chart Idea: Andy Deklerk

**B
A
P
T
I
S
M**

1 Peter 3:21 ; Mark 16:16

Acts 2:38 ; Colossians 1:14

Acts 22:16

Acts 2:41,47 ; cf. Ephesians 1:20-23

2 Corinthians 5:17 ; Romans 6:3-6



Acts 2:38 ; 5:32

SINNER

STANDS

**B
E
T
W
E
E
N**

Revelation 1:5 ; Hebrews 10:10 Acts 22:16

Romans 6:3-6

Colossians 1:13-14

1 Peter 3:21

Galatians 3:26-28

Original Chart Idea: Andy Deklerk

ASK YOUR PREACHER



Original Chart Idea : Andy DeKlerk

WHERE THE BIBLE SAYS :

ONE CHURCH AS GOOD AS ANOTHER

ACTS 2:47

A SECOND CHANCE GIVEN AFTER DEATH

HEBREWS 9:27

BAPTISM IS NOT ESSENTIAL - SALVATION

ACTS 2:38

SAVED BY FAITH ONLY . . .

JAMES 2:24

USE INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC IN WORSHIP

EPHESIANS 5:19

ONE WAS EVER SPRINKLED - BAPTISM

COLOSSIANS 2:12

COMPARE HIS ANSWER WITH

GOD COMMANDED **WATER BAPTISM!**

JESUS SAID:

"... unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God."

- John 3:5 (NKJ)

19 "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,"

- Matthew 28:19 (NKJ)

NEW TESTAMENT EXAMPLES INCLUDE:

(35) "Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning at this Scripture, preached Jesus to him." (36) Now as they went down the road, they came to some water. And the eunuch said, See, here is water. What hinders me from being baptized? (37) Then Philip said, If you believe with all your heart, you may. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. (38) So he commanded the chariot to stand still. And both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water, and he baptized him."

- Acts 8:35-38 (NKJ)

(47) Can anyone forbid water, that these should not be baptized who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have? (48) **And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord.** Then they asked him to stay a few days."

- Acts 10:47-48 (NKJ)

Obedience To God's Command Results In:

Salvation

Hebrews 5:8-9 (NKJ) "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,"

Mark 16:15-16 (NKJ) "And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. (16) He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned."

1 Peter 3:20-21 (NKJ) "who formerly were disobedient, when once the Divine longsuffering waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight souls, were saved through water. (21) There is also an antitype which now saves us; baptism (not the removal of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God), through the resurrection of Jesus Christ,"

Our Reaching The Cross

Romans 6:3-5 (NKJ) "Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? (4) Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. (5) For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be in the likeness of His resurrection,"

Our Sins Forgiven

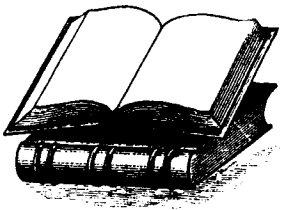
Acts 2:38 (NKJ) "Then Peter said to them, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit."

Acts 22:16 (NKJ) "'And now why are you waiting? Arise and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on the name of the Lord.'"

MEN SAY:

**"BAPTISM IS AN OUTWARD SIGN OF AN
INWARD GRACE."**

**WHO ARE
YOU
GOING TO
BELIEVE?**



THE BIBLE SAYS:

Matthew
15:9

"But in vain
do they
worship me,
teaching for
doctrine the
command-
ments of
men."

**Baptism is for the
"remission of sins"
- Acts 2:38**

**In baptism one's sins are
washed away
- Acts 22:16**

**Baptism "saves" you
- 1 Peter 3:21**

THE NEW BIRTH

JOHN 3:3-7

Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except one be born anew he cannot see the kingdom of God
John 3:3

Titus 3:5

Washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit

Romans 6:3-7
"old man is buried"

**BAPTISM
INTO
CHRIST**

Galatians 3:27
"put on Christ"

WATER

Acts 10:47-48

"who can forbid water?"

&

SPIRIT

Acts 2:38

"receive the gift of the Holy Spirit"

BAPTISM

IS FOR THE REMISSION OF SINS - ACTS 2:38; 22:16
RESULTS IN "NEWNESS OF LIFE" - ROMANS 6:4

"And now why tarriest thou? Arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord."

Acts 22:16

**THE NEW TESTAMENT
VS.
THE TEACHING OF MEN**

THE NEW TESTAMENT

Mark 16:16

He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.

Acts 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.

Acts 22:16

And now why tarriest thou? arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord.

John 3:5

Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.

Galatians 3:27

For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ.

Romans 6:3

Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? (4) Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

1 Peter 3:21

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:

THE TEACHING OF MEN

Men say: Belief alone will save you, baptism comes "after" salvation. It is done to show that you are already saved.

Men say: Baptism is NOT for the remission of sins.

Men say: Your sins are washed away "before" baptism. Saul (Paul) was saved on the road to Damascus.

Men say: The new birth has nothing to do with water.

Men say: Baptism doesn't put you "into Christ," but is the way one gets put into the church.

Men say: Your new life starts "before baptism" - Baptism is not the point of your new life/birth.

Men say: Baptism does not save you, nor does it have anything to do with your salvation.

(+) OR (-) ADDING TO OR SUBTRACTING FROM THE WORD OF GOD?

The Scriptures say:

Belief + Baptism = Salvation cf. Mark 16:16

"He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned."

Repent + Baptism = Salvation cf. Acts 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."

Confess + Baptism = Rejoicing cf. Acts 8:36-39

"And as they went on their way, they came unto a certain water: and the eunuch said, See, here is water; what doth hinder me to be baptized? (37) And Philip said, If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. (38) And he commanded the chariot to stand still: and they went down both into the water, both Philip and the eunuch; and he baptized him. (39) And when they were come up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord caught away Philip, that the eunuch saw him no more: and he went on his way rejoicing."

Men Say:

"Faith alone" saves - Passage _____ ?

Then, add:

**Repentance
Confession
but, subtract baptism**

**Question: By what
rule do you "add"
repentance and
confession to "faith
alone?"**

"FOR THE REMISSION OF SINS"

Matthew 26:28 "For this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many unto remission of sins." (ASV)

Greek:	EIS Unto, for	APHESIS forgiveness	HARMARTION sins
---------------	-------------------------	-------------------------------	---------------------------

Acts 2:38 "And Peter said unto them, Repent ye, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ unto the remission of your sins; and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit." (ASV)

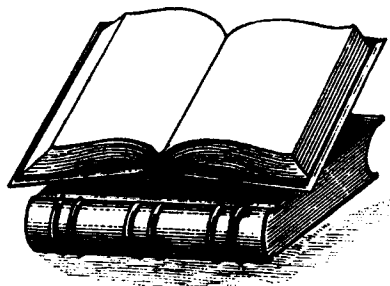
Greek:	EIS [with a view] to	APHESIS forgiveness	TON of the	HARMARTION sins	UMON of you
---------------	--------------------------------	-------------------------------	----------------------	---------------------------	-----------------------

Some assert wrongfully that the Greek word "**EIS**" in Acts 2:38 should properly be understood to mean "because of," as in one is baptized "because his sins have **ALREADY** been forgiven." This false doctrine is exposed by looking at the same expression (*for the remission of sins*) in **Matthew 26:28**.

Here Jesus claims that the fruit of the vine in the cup represents His blood "*which is poured out for many unto remission of sins.*" Was His blood on the cross to be poured out **BECAUSE** the sins of many had **ALREADY** been forgiven? Was His blood to flow on Calvary to **SHOW** that the forgiveness had been done sometime **BEFORE**? **Of course not!**

The New Testament scriptures teach that the act of baptism is essential to salvation. It is "unto" [with a view toward] the remission of one's sins - **Acts 2:38** - the same way that Jesus' death and shed blood were "unto" (for) the remission of sins.

**First Rule of Bible Study:
"What does the text say?"**



WHAT WILL HAPPEN IF?



I REFUSE TO BELIEVE?

Hebrews 11:6 But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.

John 8:24 "Therefore I said to you that you will die in your sins; for if you do not believe that I am He, you will die in your sins."

I REFUSE TO REPENT?

Acts 17:30 "Truly, these times of ignorance God overlooked, but now commands all men everywhere to repent,"

Luke 13:3 "I tell you, no; but unless you repent you will all likewise perish."

I REFUSE TO CONFESS?

Romans 10:9-10 that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. 10 For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

Matthew 10:32-33 "Therefore whoever confesses Me before men, him I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven. (33) "But whoever denies Me before men, him I will also deny before My Father who is in heaven."

I REFUSE TO BE BAPTIZED?

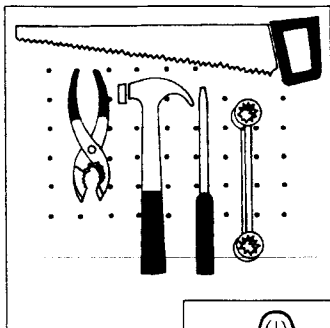
Mark 16:16 He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.

Acts 22:16 And now why tarriest thou? arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord.

Hebrews 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;

2 Thessalonians 1:7 and to give you who are troubled rest with us when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with His mighty angels, (8) in flaming fire taking vengeance on those who do not know God, and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. (9) These shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power,

NOT SAVED BY "WORKS" OF MERIT



Romans 4:4-5

Verse 4

**"To him that worketh"
-Not grace, but debt.**

Verse 5

**"Worketh not...but believe"
-faith counted for righteousness**

This kind of work is a futile attempt to "earn a debt."

Romans 6:23

"Wages of sin...death"

Wages are something "earned" - not "free."

We SIN - so we "earn" death

VS

"...Gift of God is eternal life."

Not earned, but a gift..we do no works of merit for it.

Ephesians 2:8-9

**"By grace are ye saved
through faith."**

BUT NOT WITHOUT...

...OBEDIENCE

HEBREWS 5:8-9

"Son...learned **OBEDIENCE**.."

"Author of eternal salvation unto them that **OBEY Him"**

ACTS 16:30-31

"What must I **DO** to be saved?"

ANSWER: **"BELIEVE"**

JOHN 6:28-29

"..this (*believing*) is the work of God.."

BELIEF/FAITH = A "WORK"

(of God)

Whatever God requires man to do is a work of faith
or "of God"

**BELIEF
REPENTANCE
CONFESSION
BAPTISM**



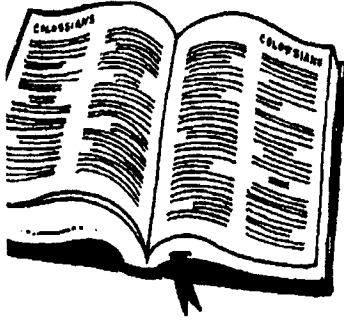
**"Works of
faith"
James 2:14-26**

**Works of
FAITH & OBEDIENCE
to Commands**

**James 2
Acts 10:48**

GIVES US ASSURANCE THAT WE KNOW GOD!

Acts 19:1-5



1. "And it happened, while Apollos was at Corinth, that Paul, having passed through the upper regions, came to Ephesus. And finding some disciples"

2. "he said to them, **"Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?"** So they said to him, "We have not so much as heard whether there is a Holy Spirit.""

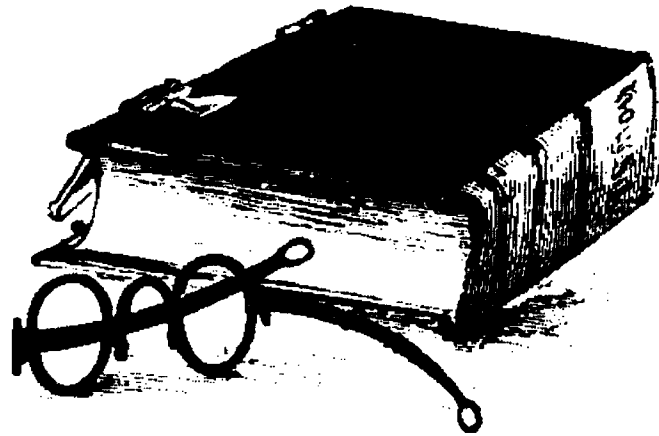
3. "And he said to them, **"Into what then were you baptized?"** So they said, "Into John's baptism.""

4. "Then Paul said, **"John indeed baptized with a baptism of repentance,** saying to the people that they should believe on Him who would come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus.""

5. "When they heard this, **they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus."**

Identifying The Lord's Church

The **BUILDER,**
FOUNDER
is **JESUS**
Matthew 16:18



The **PLACE** of
it's beginning
is **JERUSALEM**
Isaiah 2:2-3;
Luke 24:47-53;
Acts 1:12; 2:1-14

The **TIME** of it's beginning
PENTECOST, AD 33
Matthew 16:18; Acts 2:47

THE CHURCH

built by Jesus

"UPON THIS ROCK I WILL BUILD MY CHURCH" Matt. 16:18

A Spiritual House

2 Samuel 7:12-13

Isaiah 2:2-4

1 Peter 2:5

1 Timothy 3:15

> Not a "physical" building, but rather a "house" made up of living stones (the redeemed).

New Testament Designations

- ✓ The **Way** -> Acts 9:2; 19:9, 23; 24:14, 22
- ✓ The **disciples of the Lord** -> Acts 9:1
- ✓ The **church of God** -> 1 Corinthians 1:2, 10:32; Galatians 1:13; 1 Timothy 3:5
- ✓ The **church of the living God** -> 1 Timothy 3:15
- ✓ The **church of the firstborn** -> Hebrews 12:23
- ✓ The **churches of God** -> 1 Corinthians 11:16; 1 Thessalonians 2:14
- ✓ The **churches of Christ** -> Romans 16:16
- ✓ The **churches of the saints** -> 1 Corinthians 14:33
- ✓ The **body of Christ** -> Ephesians 1:22-23; 4:12; 1 Corinthians 10:16; 12:27
- ✓ The **church of the Lord** -> Acts 20:28 (ASV)

As Christians (Acts 11:26) we accept any and all New Testament designations for the church that Jesus built.

THE HOUSE OF GOD IS THE CHURCH OF GOD



1 TIMOTHY 3:15

(KJV) But if I tarry long,
that thou mayest know
how thou oughtest to behave thyself in the house
of God, which is the church of the living God, the
pillar and ground of the truth.

AND
"THE CHURCH"
IS THE PEOPLE!

APOSTASY FORETOLD

1 Timothy 4:1-3

1 Timothy 4:1-3 (KJV) (1) Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils; (2) Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron; (3) Forbidding to marry, and commanding to abstain from meats, which God hath created to be received with thanksgiving of them which believe and know the truth.

TWO SPECIFIC FALSE TEACHINGS:

1. FORBIDDING MARRIAGE

2. COMMANDING ABSTINENCE FROM MEATS (FOODS)

WHERE DID YOUR CHURCH BEGIN



IN EUROPE?

In Germany - 1520 AD - Martin Luther
_____ **LUTHERANS**

In England - 1534 AD - Henry VIII
_____ **EPISCOPALIANS**

In Switzerland - 1536 AD - John Calvin
_____ **PRESBYTERIANS**

In Holland - 1607 AD - John Smythe
_____ **BAPTISTS**

In England - 1739 - John Wesley
_____ **METHODISTS**

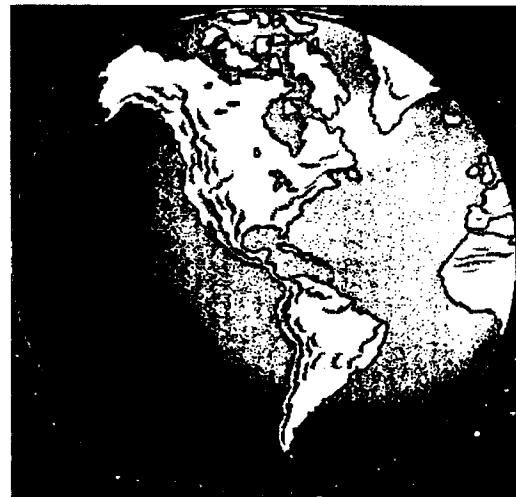
IN AMERICA?

1830 AD - Joseph Smith
_____ **MORMONS**

1830 AD - William Miller
_____ **ADVENTISTS**

1866 AD - Mary Baker Eddy
_____ **CHRISTIAN SCIENTISTS**

1872 AD - Charles T. Russel
_____ **"JEHOVAH WITNESSES"**



The Promise

MADE TO ABRAHAM

GENESIS 12:1-3 -> Abraham was promised:

- A NATION
- A LAND
- A BLESSING

FULFILLMENT:

EXODUS 19:5-6
JOSHUA 21:43-45
GALATIANS 3:13-16

THE LAW OF MOSES

GALATIANS 3:15-17

- Once a covenant (promise) has been confirmed, it cannot be amended (verse 15).
- The **LAW** was given 430 years "after" the promise was made to Abraham.

Why was the Law given?

- Because of transgression (sin) - cf. Galatians 3:19.

What was the Law's purpose?

- The Law was to bring us "to Christ" - cf. Galatians 3:24-25.

How long was the Law to Continue?

- Until the "seed" promise was fulfilled; the Law was to bring us to faith in Jesus. Now that Jesus has come, we are no longer under the Law of Moses. cf. Galatians 3:19, 24-25.

The Value of the **OLD COVENANT**

FOR OUR LEARNING

Romans 15:4 (KJV) "For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope."

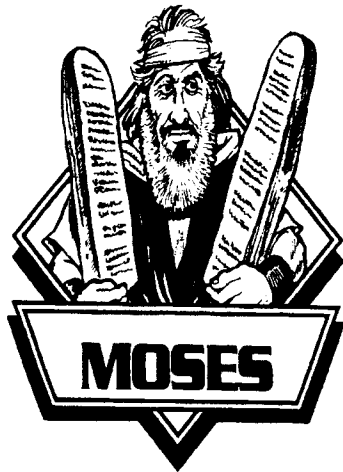
FOR OUR ADMONITION

1 Corinthians 10:11 (KJV) "Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come."

A SCHOOLMASTER

Galatians 3:23-24 (KJV) " But before faith came, we were kept under the law, shut up unto the faith which should afterwards be revealed. Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith."

**Galatians 3:25 (NASB)
"But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a tutor." (i.e. the Law of Moses)**



THE NATURE OF THE LAW OF MOSES

✓ IT WAS WEAK

" For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh,"

- Romans 8:3 (KJV)

✓ TO BE FULFILLED

"Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfill. "

- Matthew 5:17 (KJV)

✓ TEMPORARY

"Wherefore then serveth the law? It was added because of transgressions, till the seed should come . . ."

- Galatians 3:19 (KJV)

✓ COULD NOT PROVIDE COMPLETE FORGIVENESS

"... for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified..."

- Galatians 2:16 (KJV) cf. Romans 3:20 & Hebrews 10:1-4

✓ IMPERFECT

" For if that first covenant had been faultless, then should no place have been sought for the second." - Hebrews 8:7 (KJV)

The TEN COMMANDMENTS and The Law Of Christ

the LAW OF MOSES

1. Thou shalt have no other gods before me. Exodus 20:3
2. Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image. Exodus 20:4-5
3. Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain. Exodus 20:7
4. Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy. Exodus 20:8
5. Honor thy father and thy mother. Exodus 20:12
6. Thou shalt not kill. Exodus 20:13
7. Thou shalt not commit adultery. Exodus 20:14
8. Thou shalt not steal. Exodus 20:15
9. Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor. Exodus 20:16
10. Thou shalt not covet. Exodus 20:17

the LAW OF CHRIST

1. Acts 14:15 1 Corinthians 8:5-6
2. 1 John 5:21 1 Corinthians 8:4
3. James 5:12 Matthew 12:36-37
4. _____ ? _____
5. Ephesians 6:1
6. 1 Peter 4:15
7. 1 Corinthians 6:9-10
8. Ephesians 4:28
9. Colossians 3:9 Revelation 21:8
10. 1 Corinthians 6:10 Ephesians 5:4

All of the commandments given to the Israelites at Mt. Sinai have been restated in the Law of Christ with the single "exception" of the fourth commandment (Sabbath observance). We keep these commandments, NOT because we are keeping the Law of Moses (the Ten Commandments), but because they are contained in the Law of Christ.

Colossians 2:14-16

CONCERNING THE SABBATH

- ☑ The covenant that included the Sabbath commandment was made with Israel only - Exodus 20:2-3; Deuteronomy 5:1-5, 15
- ☑ Israel was commanded to keep the Sabbath as a memorial of their deliverance from Egyptian slavery - Deuteronomy 5:15
- ☑ The Sabbath command was revealed after Israel was redeemed from Egyptian bondage (not before) - Nehemiah 9:13-14; Ezekiel 20:10-12
- ☑ The Sabbath was a sign between God and Israel - Ezekiel 20:10-12
- ☑ The Old Testament (Covenant), including the Sabbath commandment, was to be replaced by the New Testament - Hebrews 8:9
- ☑ The Old Covenant, including the Sabbath commandment, was replaced by the New Covenant - Hebrews 10:9-10
- ☑ The Old Covenant, including the Sabbath commandment, was nailed to the cross - Colossians 2:14
- ☑ Christians are dead to the Law containing the Ten Commandments - Romans 7:4
- ☑ Christians are discharged from the Law containing the Ten Commandments, including the Sabbath - Romans 7:6

"Therefore let no one act as your judge in regard to food or drink or in respect to a festival or a new moon or a Sabbath day"
Colossians 2:16 (NASB)

"IN THE NAME OF JESUS"

Colossians 3:17 (KJV)

And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him.

IN THE NAME OF = BY THE AUTHORITY OF

cf. 1 Corinthians 1:13,15

- ACTS 2:38 "BAPTIZED...IN THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST"
- ACTS 8:16 "BAPTIZED IN THE NAME OF THE LORD JESUS"
- ACTS 10:48 "BAPTIZED IN THE NAME OF THE LORD"
- ACTS 19:5 "BAPTIZED IN THE NAME OF THE LORD JESUS"

Matthew 28:19 (KJV)

"Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:"



**DIGGING
DEEPER**



1 CORINTHIANS 13:8-13

8 (NASB) Love never fails; but if there are gifts of prophecy, **they will be done away**; if there are tongues, **they will cease**; if there is knowledge, **it will be done away**.

9 For we know in part, and we prophesy in part;

10 but when the **perfect** (Greek "teleios" -rdb) comes, the **partial** will be done away.

11 When I was a child, I used to speak as a child, think as a child, reason as a child; when I became a man, I did away with childish things.

12 For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face; now I know in part, but then I shall know fully just as I also have been fully known.

13 But **now abide** faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

c
o
m
p
a
r
e

JAMES 1:25

25 (NASB) But one who looks intently at the **perfect** (Greek "teleios" - rdb) law, the law of liberty, and abides by it, not having become a forgetful hearer but an effectual doer, this man shall be blessed in what he does.

MIRACLES

BIBLE MIRACLES

VS

20th CENTURY

Healed "all manner"

palsy, withered hand, lame, blind, dead raised, severed ear replaced, etc.

No failures after Pentecost

The gospel was "confirmed" by the signs of the apostles, cf. Mark 16:20; Hebrews 2:3-4.

Jesus and the apostles did not "demand" faith on the part of the ones being healed

Cf. Luke 7:12; 22:51; Mark 5:41

Instant, perfect healing

Withered hand, severed ear "restored", blind given sight, dead raised.

A "sign" to observers

obvious, visible healing confirmed. Enemies unable to gainsay. cf. Acts 4:14-16

No publicity campaigns

Never associated with raising

Selective healing

screening procedures to allow only cases with no observable symptoms.

Many failures (and excuses)

failed miracles (healing) cause doubt and fuel skepticism; disillusionment is the result (not faith)

Faith "demanded" on the part of one being healed

If miracle "fails" the subject is blamed for not having enough faith.

Imperfect healing (?)

Symptoms persist after the "cure", sick told to go home (still sick) and "claim" the miracle.

"Take my word for it"

Rely heavily on "testimonies". Unbelievers remain unconvinced. Unable to "confirm" their message.

Much fanfare, publicity

A large money racket

Tongue Speaking

PENTECOSTAL MODEL

- ▶ Rational Revelation
- ▶ Foreign Languages
- ▶ Native to hearer, but not to speaker
- ▶ Communication and Instruction
- ▶ Purpose: To communicate truth to the hearer

VS

PAGAN MODEL

- ▶ Emotional Frenzy
- ▶ Ecstatic utterances
- ▶ Native to neither hearer nor speaker
- ▶ Confusion and insanity
- ▶ Purpose: To satisfy the emotional needs of the speaker



"And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit was giving them utterance. Now there were Jews living in Jerusalem, devout men, from every nation under heaven. And when this sound occurred, the multitude came together, and were bewildered, because they were each one hearing them speak in his own language. And they were amazed and marveled, saying, "Why, are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we each hear them in our own language to which we were born?"

ACTS 2:4-8 (NASV)

THE FULFILLMENT OF

MESSIANIC PROPHECY

	<u>2 Samuel 7:12-13</u>	<u>Isaiah 2:2-4</u>	<u>Daniel 2:28, 44-45</u>
TIME	In the days when David slept with his fathers - v. 12	In the latter days - v. 2	In the latter days (in the days of those kings) v. 28
WHAT	God will establish a kingdom; he will build a house v. 12-13	Jehovah's house to be established v. 2	God will set up a kingdom - v. 44
WHO		All nations v. 2	
DURATION	Forever - v. 13		Forever - v. 44
SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS	From David's seed - v. 12	The Word of God to go forth from Jerusalem v. 3	Made without hands v. 45

FULFILLMENT:

- TIME - Acts 2:29 Mark 1:14-15 Acts 2:17
- WHAT - Acts 2:30-36 Matthew 16:18 (1 Timothy 3:15, 1 Peter 2:5)
- WHO - Acts 2:5 (Acts 1:8 ; 15:12)
- DURATION - Hebrews 1:8; 12:28

SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

- FROM DAVID'S SEED - Acts 2:30-31 Romans 1:3
- WORD TO GO FORTH FROM JERUSALEM Luke 24:47-49 Acts 1:8
- KINGDOM MADE WITHOUT HANDS - John 18:36 Hebrews 12:28

"We have also a more sure word of prophecy.."
2 Peter 1:19

THE LAST 24 HOURS

16 Fulfilled Prophecies

The Scriptures contain more than 300 prophecies that were fulfilled in Jesus, the Christ. The fulfillment of prophecy provides important evidence of the Divine Inspiration of the Bible. Fulfilled prophecy is also a powerful testimony to the true identity of Jesus - He is the **"only begotten Son of God."** Jesus acknowledged the role of prophecy and the importance of its fulfillment in the following statement:

Luke 24:44 (KJV) "And he said unto them, These are the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the psalms, concerning me."

In the last 24 hour period of His life there are 16 distinct prophecies that were fulfilled, related to His betrayal, trial, crucifixion, and burial. These prophecies were revealed up to 1,000 years before Jesus was born and were written down in the Hebrew Scriptures. Many of these predictions were fulfilled by the enemies of Jesus, by men who would not knowingly fulfill a single verse of Scripture as it related to the Messiah and His death.

THE 16 PROPHECIES AND THEIR FULFILLMENTS:

1. **Sold for 30 pieces of silver:** Zechariah 11:12 - Matthew 26:14-15
2. **The money to be cast to the potter:** Zechariah 11:13 - Matthew 27:3-10
3. **His disciples to forsake Him:** Zechariah 13:7 - Matthew 26:56; Mark 14:27
4. **He was silent before His accusers:** Isaiah 53:7 - Matthew 27:12-14
5. **He was wounded and bruised:** Isaiah 53:5 - Matthew 27:26-30
6. **His hands and feet to be pierced:** Psalms 22:16 - Luke 23:33; John 20:25,27
7. **He was crucified with thieves:** Isaiah 53:12 - Mark 15:27-28
8. **He was to pray for His persecutors:** Isaiah 53:12 - Luke 23:34
9. **The people to shake their heads at the crucified one:** - Psalm 22:7 - Matthew 27:39
10. **The people were to ridicule Him:** Psalm 22:7-8 - Matthew 27:41-43
11. **The people were to be astonished:** Psalm 22:17; Isaiah 52:14 - Luke 23:35
12. **His garments to be parted and lots cast:** Psalm 22:18 - John 19:24
13. **He was to cry "My God, My God, Why hast Thou forsaken Me?":**
Psalm 22:1 - Matthew 27:46
14. **His bones were not to be broken:** Psalm 34:20; 22:17 - John 19:33-36
15. **His side to be pierced:** Zechariah 12:10 - John 19:34,37
16. **He was to be buried in a rich man's tomb:** Isaiah 53:9 - Matthew 27:57-60

ZECHARIAH 6:12-13

"BRANCH" - A PRIEST ON HIS THRONE

THE PRIESTHOOD OF JESUS CHRIST

HEBREWS 8:1, 4

1. A priesthood "in the heavens"
Hebrews 8:1
2. Jesus, a priest after the order
of Melchizedek -
cf. Hebrews 5:6,10
3. Jesus was from the tribe of
Judah - cf. Hebrews 7:14

HEBREWS 8:4

**IF JESUS WERE "ON
THE EARTH" HE
COULD NOT
LAWFULLY BE A
PRIEST!**

JESUS, OUR KING

JEREMIAH 22:24-30

"THE CAPTIVE" - Coniah
"The son of Jeconiah
Jehoiakim" Jehoiachin
cf. I Chronicles 3:15-17 2 Kings 24:6,8

THE PROPHECY

**No descendant of Coniah
(Jechoniah) will "prosper" ruling
on the throne of David "in
Judah"**

The Point: Jesus is a descendant
of Jeconiah. Therefore, Jesus would
not prosper if He established an
"earthly" kingdom in Judah

-Matthew 1:11

For those who insist that Jesus will return to the "earth" to set up a kingdom in Judah, consider: 1) Jesus would not be a priest while on the earth, and 2) He would not prosper while ruling on the throne of David "in Judah."

Note: 1 Corinthians 15:24

JESUS SAID, "MY KINGDOM IS NOT OF THIS WORLD..." John 18:36

"**THY KINGDOM COME**"

A Scriptural perspective on the kingdom of Christ

THE KINGDOM IN PROPHECY

DANIEL 2 & 7

An everlasting kingdom - never to be destroyed - A kingdom "made without hands" (Daniel 2:44-46) - A kingdom of everlasting dominion - which shall never be destroyed (Daniel 7:14,27)

2 SAMUEL 7:12-13

God to establish a kingdom - "of David's seed" - it would be an everlasting kingdom, forever.

THE KINGDOM IS NEAR

In the first century AD., the Jews were looking for the kingdom to be established: cf. LUKE 23:61

That the kingdom was "at hand" was preached by:

John, the Baptist - Matthew 3:2

Jesus Christ - Matthew 4:17

The disciples of Jesus - Luke 10:9

Jesus taught His disciples to "pray for the **COMING** kingdom"

- **Matthew 6:10; Luke 11:2**

THE NATURE OF THE KINGDOM

Made without hands

Matthew 3:2

Not of this world

John 18:36

Not observable

(in its arrival)

Luke 17:20-21

THE KINGDOM ESTABLISHED

The kingdom "**was established**" in the **LIFETIME** of the disciples of Jesus:

MARK 9:1

LUKE 9:27

NOTE:

Colossians 1:13

1 Thessalonians 2:12

Hebrews 12:28

Revelation 1:6,9

THE FOUNDATION of PREMILLENNIALISM?

REVELATION 20:1-6

This is the "foundation text" for all millennial theories as it is the only place in the Scriptures where a thousand year period of time is spoken of with reference to the "reign of Christ." A careful look at this passage of Scripture will demonstrate that the premillennialist does not get his doctrine "from" this text, but rather is guilty of reading his supposed theory "into" the text.

WHAT WE FIND IN THE TEXT:

- ✓ THE BINDING OF SATAN
- ✓ THE REIGN OF "SOULS" WITH CHRIST (those beheaded, refused the mark of the beast).
- ✓ 1,000 YEAR PERIOD (literal or figurative?)

WHAT IS NOT FOUND IN THE TEXT:

- THE SECOND COMING OF CHRIST - 1 Corinthians 15 20-24
- AN EARTHLY REIGN OF CHRIST - Jeremiah 22 24-30
- DAVID'S THRONE - Acts 2 29-36
- JEWISH NATION OF ISRAEL - Matthew 21 43
- "US" - *UNLESS WE ARE PART OF THE "REST OF THE DEAD"*

The Scriptures warn against "adding to" and "taking away" from the inspired word of God (cf. Revelation 22:18-19). The danger of "reading into" a passage one's predetermined viewpoint is seen in the way many "interpret" Revelation 20:1-6. Instead of letting the passage (in its context) reveal itself, many rush to an unjustified and false conclusion.

A LOOK AT WORLD KINGDOMS: DANIEL AND REVELATION



HEAD OF GOLD	LION			BABYLONIAN EMPIRE
BREAST, ARMS SILVER	BEAR	RAM		MEDO-PERSIAN EMPIRE
BELLY, THIGHS BRASS	LEOPARD	HE-GOAT		MACEDONIAN (GREEK) EMPIRE
LEGS, FEET IRON & CLAY	TERRIBLE BEAST		SEA BEAST	ROMAN EMPIRE

STONE MOUNTAIN KINGDOM	EVERLASTING INDESTRUCTIBLE KINGDOM		THE SAINTS KINGDOM	KINGDOM OF CHRIST
-------------------------------	---	--	---------------------------	--------------------------

THE HORNS & THE BEAST

DANIEL 7

REVELATION 17

The 10 horns and the little horn				The 7 kings and the eighth	
27 BC - AD 14	Augustus	(1)		1. Augustus	
14 - 37	Tiberius	(2)		2. Tiberius	
37 - 41	Gaius	(3)		3. Gaius	
41 - 54	Claudius	(4)		4. Claudius	
54 - 68	Nero	(5)		5. Nero	
68	Galba	(6)			
69	Otho	(7)			
69	Vitellius	(8)			
69 - 79	Vespasian	(9)		6. Vespasian	
79 - 81	Titus	(10)		7. Titus	
The Little horn				The Eighth	

DOMITIAN
AD 81 - 96

NOTES: Daniel 7:8, 24 The three kings "put down" were Galba, Otho, and Vitellius... Thus, their omission by John.

Revelation 17:9-11 "Five are fallen" - Augustus through Nero
 "One is" = Vespasian (book written in his reign)
 "The other is not yet come ... Continue a little while" = Titus
 "The beast (the eighth king) = Domitian

REVELATION 19 & 20

LITERAL OR FIGURATIVE?

Designate each of the following as LITERAL (physical) or FIGURATIVE (symbolic)

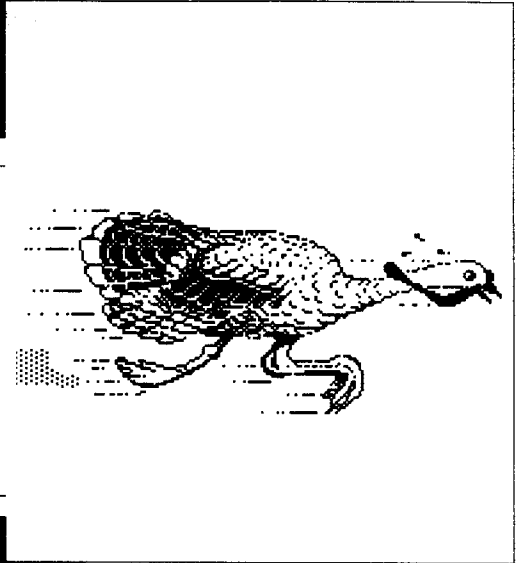
The great harlot	verse 2
Her smoke	verse 3
Four beasts worshipping God	verse 4
Lamb	verse 7
White horse and rider	verse 11
Eyes as flame of fire	verse 12
Many crowns on His head	verse 12
Vestures dipped in blood	verse 13
Armies on white horses	verse 14
Sword out of His mouth	verse 15
Tread the winepress	verse 15
Name on thigh	verse 16
Fowls flying to supper	verse 17
Beast - mark- image	verses 19-21
Angel coming down	verse 1
Key - chain - pit	verse 1
Dragon - tail - stars	verse 2 (12:3-4)
Bound - bottomless pit	verses 2-3
Shut - sealed	verse 3
Thrones - beheaded	verse 4
Prison - loosed - battle	verses 7-8
Camp of saints compassed	verse 9
Fire and brimstone	verse 10
1,000 years	verses 2-3, 5,7

In **Revelation 1:1**, John states that the message he received has been SIGNIFIED to him (that is, revealed in SIGNS). There is no doubt that the Revelation to John is primarily written in symbolic language. The "premillennial theories" that are based on a strict, literal (physical) interpretation of the 1,000 years in Revelation 20 ignore this fundamental fact.

**A BIRD
IN THE
THE HAND**

**EARLY
IN THE
THE MORNING**

**ONCE
IN A
A LIFETIME**



How can two people read the same passage of scripture and come up with two different meanings?

One or both may have their minds made up before they read the passage as to what it might say!