

THE WORD OF GOD

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In discussing any religious subject both parties must agree upon one point-the word of God has the final say in all spiritual matters. Why should this be the standard to settle all religious differences? Allow me to give you some good reasons to consider.

DIVINE INSPIRATION. Every word is from the mind of God. This book did not come from the mind of men.

"All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work." {2 Timothy 3:16,17}

"Knowing this first, that no prophecy of Scripture is of any private interpretation, for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit." {2 Peter 1:20,21}

"Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might know the things that have been freely given to us by God. These things we also speak, not in words which man's wisdom teaches but which the Holy Spirit teaches, comparing spiritual things with spiritual." {1 Corinthians 2:12, 13 }

IT'S ABSOLUTE PURITY. God's word is pure without any blemish on the record. Following it's teaching will cause one to live a life of purity.

"The words of the LORD are pure words, Like silver tried in a furnace of earth, Purified seven times." {Psalm 12:6}

"But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality and without hypocrisy." {James 3:17}

IT'S SUPREME AUTHORITY. No other authority can be given in spiritual matters except the word of God. No word supersedes the authority of the scriptures.

"Therefore all Your precepts concerning all things I consider to be right,' I hate every false way." {Psalm 119:128} "And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him." {Colossians 3:17}

IT'S PERFECT UNITY. The word of God tells one complete story. It agrees from beginning to end no contradictions, perfect harmony with all the writers.

"If He called them gods, to whom the word of God came (and the Scripture cannot be broken)," (John 10:35)

"You search the Scriptures, for in them you think you have eternal life,' and these are they which testify of Me." (John 5:39)

IT'S ETERNAL PERMANENCY. The word of God will never be destroyed. When this world is on fire-it will still remain! It will face us in judgment!

"But the word of the LORD endures forever." Now this is the word which by the gospel was preached to you." {1 Peter 1:25}

"Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away."
{Matthew 24:35}

"He who rejects Me, and does not receive My words, has that which judges him,' the word that I have spoken will judge him in the last day." (John 12:48)

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