

Why We
Believe...
It Makes A
Difference
What One
Believes

## 1) Different Standards Lead To Different Results

- A.A Subjective Standard Can Lead To Change.
  - Subjective "relating to the way a person experiences things in his or her own mind.
     Based on feelings or opinions rather than facts."
- B. A Objective Standard Leads To Consistency.
  - Objective "based on facts rather than feelings or opinions: not influenced by feelings."
  - But isn't the Bible just a loose guide?

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

Hebrews 13:8

Whoever speaks, is to do so as one who is speaking the utterances of God; whoever serves is to do so as one who is serving by the strength which God supplies; so that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belongs the glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

1 Peter 4:11

If anyone thinks he is a prophet or spiritual, let him recognize that the things which I write to you are the Lord's commandment. <sup>38</sup> But if anyone does not recognize this, he is not recognized.

1 Corinthians 14:37-38

All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; <sup>17</sup> so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.

2 Timothy 3:16-17

#### 2) God Speaks of "One Faith"

A. Ephesians 4:4-6

How Many Bodies? Spirits?Hopes? Lords? Faiths? Baptisms?Gods? Fathers?

#### 1 Not Multiples

God Never Speaks to "my faith,"
 "your faith," or "different faiths."

### 3) One May Believe A Lie & Be Lost

- A.A Prophet of God Was Killed For Following A Lie (1 Kings 13)
  - 3 Rules From God: do not eat bread, nor drink water, nor return to Judah the same way you came.
  - "The man of God" disobeyed and followed the lie. The result is found in v. 24.

I am amazed that you are so quickly deserting Him who called you by the grace of Christ, for a different gospel; <sup>7</sup> which is really not another; only there are some who are disturbing you and want to distort the gospel of Christ. <sup>8</sup> But even if we, or an angel from heaven, should preach to you a gospel contrary to what we have preached to you, he is to be accursed!

Galatians 1:6-8

### 4) One May Lack Knowledge & Be Lost

- A.Disciples of Jesus Lacked Knowledge and Needed to Change to Be Obedient to God (Acts 18:24 – 19:5)
  - Apollos taught only the baptism of John (18:25)
  - Paul instructed them to make a change and be baptized into Christ (19:4-5)

# It Makes A Difference Because...

- Subjective & Objective Standards Cannot Both Be Truth!
- One "Faith" Cannot Be As Good As Another.
- Belief In A Lie May Condemn Your Soul.
- Faith Without Knowledge May Condemn Your Soul.

If you love Me, you will keep My commandments.

John 14:15

But prove yourselves doers of the word, and not merely hearers who delude themselves.

James 1:22