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# **Northside Church of Christ**

"God is a Spirit; and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth."

John 4:24



### **Let's Wear Our Bible Out!**

### By Mike Riley

The story is told of a Bible teacher who held up his well-worn Bible and told his students, "Every Christian should wear out a copy of the Bible every 10 years." His challenge reminds me of the saying: "If you see a Bible that is falling apart, it probably belongs to someone who isn't!" This certainly is true in my case.

The years my Bible was considerably under-used, I found myself falling apart instead of my Bible! Thankfully, God used my condition as a means of whetting my appetite for His Word (Psalm 119:67,71).

When I consistently studied and made application of God's word (2 Timothy 2:15; Hebrews 5:14), I realized that the truths that were being presented to me from the holy Scriptures really did work in my everyday life.

For me, the Bible was no longer just a guilt producer and a dust collector. As I read it, digested it, underlined key phrases, and entered cross-references, little by little, my Bible began falling apart instead of me!

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#### **SUNDAY MORNING**

Triple E
Edify, Exhort,
Evangelize
Transformed
8:30 AM

## SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY

Filmothy 9:30 AM

## **SUNDAY WORSHIP**

Worship Service 10:30 AM

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT

Singing Night 7:00 PM



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"Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."

2 Timothy 2:15

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## **Are All Religious Teachings True?**

### By Mike Riley

According to an Internet source, there are over 33,000 denominations worldwide who claim to be Christian. However, they do not teach the same doctrine, they do not have the same belief, nor do they wear the same name.

One of the more prominent statements heard today in the religious world is, "It doesn't matter what one believes, as long as he is honest and sincere." Another individual will say, "Just as long as one believes in Christ, it doesn't matter what denomination he is a member of."

Folks, these two statements have one thing in common — they both imply that truth is relative — that there is no absolute standard of right and wrong.

Let's ask ourselves this simple question, and be honest in our answer:

Does the Bible actually teach all of the doctrines these 33,000 denominations plus are teaching?

For example, does the Bible teach the Catholic doctrines of the primacy of Peter and the infallibility of the Pope? Does the Bible teach the Methodist doctrine of infant sprinkling? Does the Bible teach the Presbyterian doctrine of predestination? Does the Bible teach the Baptist doctrines of total depravity and the impossibility of apostasy?

Does the Bible teach one person to be a Catholic, another person to be a Lutheran, still another to be a Jehovah's Witness, and still others to be Methodists, Adventists, Episcopalians, Mormons, etc.?

The inspired writer John in 1 John 4:1 tells us that there are false prophets. In fact, Paul tells us that there will be false teachers even in the Lord's church (Acts 20:28-31; 1 Timothy 4:1-3). The inspired writer Peter tells us that just as there were false prophets during the Mosaic dispensation of time, so there will be false teachers during the Christian dispensation of time (2 Peter 2:1-3).

Now, let's ask ourselves this question:

If all the religious teachings that the above 33,000 plus denominations are promoting are true, why then did Jesus say:

"Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven."

Folks, not everyone's doctrine is correct. Only the inspired doctrine of Christ is correct, encompassing the Father's will (2 John 1:9; cf. John 4:34; John 6:37-38).

The Father's will was made known to Christ. In turn, Christ made that will known to His apostles. In turn, the Holy Spirit brought to remembrance, the Father's will to the apostles after the Lord's resurrection (John 14:22-29; John 16:16). The apostles, in turn, preserved the Father's will through the inspired written document called the New Testament (Hebrews 9:15; cf. 2 Timothy 3:16; 2 Peter 1:19-21).

Any other document, other than the inspired New Testament, does not contain God's will for mankind in the Christian age.

Think about it!

As we study God's word, there's a practical way we can increase our faith. When we put into practice passages from God's word and see that they work in our own lives.

In the study Bible that I've used for twenty-five years, I have written the letters "T" and "P" in the margins next to those passages that I have put into practice. The letters mean "Tested and Proved" (cf. Romans 12:2; Colossians 1:9-10; Colossians 3:10).

Brethren and friends, let's wear out Bible out!

#### **Announcements**

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### **Prayer Requests This Week**

Pray for all those with ongoing health ailments

I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel: which is not another; but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ. But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed. As we said before, so say I now again, If any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed.

Galatians 1:6-9

#### **Sermon Notes**

### **Communion Preparation**

- Sign up sheet for 2022 is in foyer
- April Rowell
- May Montgomery
- June Thrash

### **April Birthdays & Anniversary's**

• Lennon Joiner - 27th

### **Men to Serve**

Announcements/Opening Prayer - Larry Montgomery
Scripture Reading - Galatians 1:6 - 9
Lead Singing - Chuck Rowell
Head of Lord's Table - Rick Carlberg
Assist on Lord's Table - James Johnson
Scripture Reading - 1 Corinthians 11:23 - 29
Closing Prayer - Don Potts

Every Sunday Morning

@ 8:00 AM

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