

The Plan of Salvation

The Authority of the Scriptures

In The Beginning God Created... *Genesis 1:1*

– Who Told Moses To Write:?

- Don't eat fat Lev 7:23
- Don't eat blood Lev 7:26
- Infection Lev 15:7-13

– When Egypt's Doctor's Were Prescribing:

“For hair loss, apply magic water poured over an idol... For splinters, apply worm's blood and asses dung.” (Papyrus Ebers, 1552 B.C. the physicians desk reference of Moses' time.)

– Who Told The Bible Writers:

- The earth is not supported Job 26:7
- There is a water vapor cycle Job 36:27-28
- There are paths in the sea Psalm 8:8

The Evidence Of God Is Seen In Creation! *Romans 1:18-20*

– All Flesh is not the same

- 1 Corinthians 15:39 -- Four kinds of flesh
- History -- 1838 A.D. “common cell theory” maintained that the basic structure in plants and animals was the cell and that all cells were identical.
- Today -- modern science's division of animal life is man, beast, fish, fowl.

– The Stars are fixed and measured

- Psalm 19:1,4 ; Jeremiah 31:35
- Today scientists know the movement of the stars are more precise than the finest Rolex watch made.
- The order of the stars coming from an explosion of cosmic goo makes as much sense as an explosion in a lumber yard causing a house to be built.

All Things Came From God ... Or... Nothing Came From God!!

– What some people accept as their authority:

- Intimidation Galatians 2:11-13
- Majority Matthew 7:13-14
- Parents Matthew 10:37; Galatians 1:14
- Preachers 2 Corinthians 11:13-15
- Human Creeds Matthew 15:9
- Conscience Acts 23:1,26:9
- Human Philosophy 1 Corinthians 1:21
- Feelings Proverbs 16:25
- Situational Ethics Matthew 7:21-23

– If nothing, then we can each do what is right in our own eyes.

Inherent Authority Of God *Genesis 1:1*

– As the Creator of mankind, God has the authority to tell me for what purpose He created me.

– If we want to understand why we are here, we need to listen to the One who made us.

- Ecclesiastes 12:13

– What has he commanded me to do?

All Authority Given To Jesus *Matthew 28:18*

- Jesus is the only way to the Father John 14:6
- The only name by which we must be saved Acts 4:12
- Learn from the Master Matthew 11:28-30

Authority Delegated To The Apostles

- Apostles given the keys to the kingdom Matthew 16:19
- Apostles were sent by Jesus John 20:21
- If we receive the Apostles, we receive Jesus John 13:20

Apostles And Prophets Wrote The Bible *Eph 3:1-5*

- Which is God's Power to Save *Romans 1:16*
- How could men write God's power to save?

They Spoke As The Holy Spirit Gave Them Utterance

- They were guided by the Spirit
 - John 14:26
 - John 16:12-13
- They were moved by the Spirit
 - 2 Peter 1:20-21
- The Spirit combined spiritual thoughts with spiritual words
 - 1 Corinthians 2:10-13

God Prohibits Us From Tampering With The Word

- Do not add to His Word
 - Deuteronomy 4:2; Revelation 22:18
- Do not subtract from His Word
 - Deuteronomy 4:2; Revelation 22:19
- Do not change His Word
 - Galatians 1:6-9
- Do not go beyond His Word
 - 2 John 9; 1 Corinthians 4:6

God's Word Is All Sufficient

- The Word was once for all delivered
 - Jude 3 (The Faith = The Word: Galatians 1:11,23)
- The Word tells us every good work
 - 2 Timothy 3:16-17
- The Word gives us all things pertaining to Life & Godliness
 - 2 Peter 1:3-4
- God's Word will judge us
 - John 12:48-50; 2 Corinthians 5:10

So If We Want To Know God's Will For Our Lives, Where Can We Find The Answer?

The Bible!!!!!!

Fellowship with God

What is Fellowship?

- Definition - "Joint participation toward a common goal."
 - other words associated: communion, partake, accord

- Whatever it is the church continued in it.
 - Acts 2:42

- Look at these passages.
 - 1 Corinthians 1:9
 - 2 Corinthians 8:4
 - Galatians 2:9
 - 1 John 1:3-7
 - 2 Corinthians 6:14-16

- Let's sum up these five verses.
 - We have fellowship with one another, the apostles, the Father and His Son only by walking in the light.
 - We are called into fellowship with Jesus.
 - We have fellowship when we give our money to a common cause.
 - We have fellowship when we are working together toward a common goal.
 - What do these things have to do with eating a meal? Was Jesus in fellowship with sinners when he ate with them? That was the accusation of the Pharisees against Him. But we know this was not true for Jesus was separate from sinners. Hebrews 7:26

- Conclusion
 - Fellowship is working together IN CHRIST!!!!

Fellowship With God Is Separated By Sin.

- Isaiah 59:1-2
- 1 John 1:5-6

Two Ways To Be In Fellowship With God.

- To be in fellowship with God we can't have any sin separating us, therefore there are two ways to accomplish that. One is never sin.
 - James 2:10
 - Galatians 3:10
 - Romans 3:23

- The second way would be to pay the penalty for our sin. Which Jesus has done for all who will accept Him as Lord.

- We can receive the gift from God
 - Romans 5:1-2
 - Galatians 3:8-9

Faith is substance and evidence

- Hebrews 11:1

– Faith that saves:

- Must be in God Mark 11:22
- Must be in Jesus Galatians 2:16
- Must be in the power of God 1 Corinthians 2:5
- Must be lived Galatians 2:20

– We must become a disciple!

- Matthew 28:19
- Luke 6:40
- Luke 14:33
- Luke 14:28
- Matthew 11:29

– We must be in Jesus!

- To be a disciple of Jesus one must believe Him. Hebrews 11:6
- To believe one must first hear. Romans 10:17
- After believing one must repent Acts 2:38; James 2:18
- And then be willing to confess. Romans 10:9-10
- Only after all this can one be baptized into Christ. Acts 2:38; Acts 8:35-38

– What does baptism do?

- Puts you into Christ. Galatians 3:26; Romans 6:3
- Where you have access to all spiritual blessings and forgiveness of sin. Ephesians 1:3,7
- By which you die to sin so that you should no longer live in it!!!. Romans 6:3-8

– Saving faith doesn't end at Baptism but only starts there.