

What the New Testament Doesn't Teach Us

If you believe the Bible is 'the Word of God' then it's your responsibility to abide by everything that's in it otherwise you're rebelling against God¹ – a dangerous thing to be doing. On the other hand, if you believe the New Testament is 'God's Word' for the New Covenant (that's what 'New Testament' really means) then as a NC person you need to be guided by what it says and put everything into practice. But, if you believe the teachings of Jesus and the writings of the Apostles are teachings about the Kingdom of God that's currently established on the earth, then you need to draw from these writings so you know how to operate as a Kingdom citizen.

Which ever of these 3 positions are yours, it's important to realise that some of the principles of Christianity are contained in the NT and a great deal isn't. A lot of what passes as Christian truth is either the "teachings of men"² or church tradition. A person cannot regard the Bible as 'the Word of God' or that it contains 'God's Word' and adhere to church doctrine which is not directly commanded in the New Testament or from straightforward teaching that it contains.

For example: The NT clearly teaches on what activities are unrighteous – ³

- lawbreaking
- rebellion
- ungodliness
- sinfulness
- unholiness
- irreligious attitude
- kill parents
- lying
- perjury
- wrongdoing
- adultery
- theft
- greed
- drunkenness
- murder
- sexual immorality
- homosexuality
- slandering
- swindling
- kidnapping

Here are some of the things that the New Testament **DOES NOT** teach us as truth – there are many, many more. None of these have a rightful place in the Kingdom:

- Call the scriptures the "Holy Bible"
- Call the Bible 'the Word of God' – it contains some of God's words, but it never gives itself that title⁴
- Tithe – this was introduced by the Romish church in the 4th century
- Gather in a purpose-built structure
- Have a person leading meetings
- Ministers are the God-appointed leaders
- Pastors are the God-appointed leaders
- Priests are the God-appointed leaders
- Have praise & worship sessions
- Marriage is a sacrament
- The Lord's Supper is "Holy Communion"
- Confirmation
- Pledge money to the church
- Take up a collection every Sunday
- Have meetings set for Sundays
- Keep the Ten Commandments
- Keep the Torah
- Keep the Sabbath – Not even the Noahide laws given to all people on Earth included the Sabbath

1 – See "If You Believe the Bible is the Word of God then Live by it"

2 – Matthew 15:9 (e.g. Galatians 5:7-12; 2 Peter 2:1; Revelation 2:14-15, 20-23)

3 – 1 Timothy 1:9-11; 1 Corinthians 6:9-10

4 – "The Word of God is What the Spirit Gives Us to Speak"

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- Read the Bible every day
- Say grace before a meal – we are to be thankful (a heart attitude)
- Keep the Jewish feasts
- Support modern-day Israel
- Celebrate Easter – Pasha was formalised by the Council of Nicaea in 325AD⁵
- Celebrate Christmas – Christ Mass was introduced by the Romish church in 336AD
- Celebrate the events in the church calendar – this was introduced by the Romish church
- Sex is evil
- Divorce is unforgivable
- Celibacy is mandatory
- Professional Christians
- Have a professional ministry
- Wear best clothes to meetings
- The highest calling and most honoured vocation is being an overseas missionary
- Our responsibility in the 21st century is to take the Gospel overseas
- Wear a ring to show marriage to Jesus
- Confess sins to a leader to be able to receive forgiveness from God
- Men control and dominate their families
- Followers of Jesus are pusillanimous
- Wives are to be downtrodden
- Husbands are to beat their wives
- Women need to forge their own destiny independent of men
- Women need to become *macho* to match men
- School teachers are responsible for training children
- Retire from serving God in the latter years of life
- The Bride of Christ is a lovesick group of 'mushy' or stary-eyed women
- Dance on the Devil to grind him into dust
- Let our emotions lead us
- Let our mind lead us
- Singing is the way to worship God
- God is served by giving up our lives FOR him
- Service to God is having church meetings
- *Sola scriptura* – i.e. the Bible is the only source of spiritual knowledge
- Get married in the church
- Believers divide into groups which become multiple denominations in the same city
- Groups of believers become organisations

So, there's so much in Christendom that is set in tradition and practice which came from the human mind. This should alert us to its inappropriateness. As I taught recently: "Everything people think up and set up or produce doesn't belong to the Kingdom. Even if the inspiration originated from Heaven it is not a Kingdom entity unless the Kingdom is fully involved in every process after the inspiration – that includes the validation of the total inspiration. Any input from the human mind taints (corrupts) the entity – whatever it happens to be."⁶

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5 – The name Easter came from joining Pasha with the European pagan spring equinox festival celebrating the fertility goddess Eostre (Ishtar). This helped the Romish church draw pagans into their organisation.

6 – canberraforerunners.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/A-Check-up-to-See-How-much-You-Are-in-the-World-System.pdf