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“Trust in the Lord with all your heart and do not lean on your own understanding.”
Proverb 3:5

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Searching for Truth

By Ronald Bartanen

The wise man Solomon advised, *“Buy the truth and sell it not”* (Proverbs 23:23). In the marketplace of ideas, one must be careful to distinguish the true from the counterfeit. Jesus said, *“Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall set you free”* (John 8:32). How will we know the truth when we see it?

Some seek truth in their own hearts, though the Bible warns, *“The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked”* (Jeremiah 17:9). How much religious error do we subject ourselves to when we follow the path of simply doing what “seems right”, or “what I’ve always believed.”

Some seek truth from preachers and church councils, accepting what they are told without question, though Paul warned, *“Of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things”* (Acts 20:30). Men are fallible, subject to error. Preachers and religious leaders may be ever so sincere in their beliefs and still be misled. We who endeavor to preach the truth of God should do so with fear and trembling. We dare not seek what is regarded as

popular in our religious circles. While this may seem to be the way to go, it opens the door to error.

Ultimate truth is found in Jesus, who said, *“I am the way, the truth and the life. No man cometh to the Father but by me”* (John 14:6). Truth is found in His word, the Scriptures, of which Paul wrote, *“All scripture is inspired of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for instruction in righteousness”* (2 Timothy 3:16-17). How many supposed “truths” do we defend even when we have accepted such “truths” on their popularity. We should follow the example of the noble Bereans who, upon hearing the apostle Paul’s proclamation of the gospel, *“searched the scriptures (to see) whether those things were so”* (Acts 17:11).

The search for truth doesn’t end when one becomes a Christian. Actually, that was just the beginning of the search. The apostle Paul, addressing those who had earlier been converted to Christ, and had also been milk-fed with basic truths by him, but had grown lax in maturity sufficient to move on to the meat of the word of God, saying, “The Bible is God’s gift of a textbook for guidance. *“All scripture is inspired of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God should be complete, thoroughly furnished unto all good works”* (2 Timothy 3:16-17). Within its sacred pages we have revealed to us the account of God’s dealing with mankind, past, present and future, none of which should be casually ignored. Will we understand everything revealed therein? Assuredly not. I confess that I still have much to learn, and don’t expect a full enlightenment until I’m with the Lord, and He can explain some things to me! But that doesn’t excuse me from seeking a better understanding of what God wants me to know. God wants us to be well-fed, and we do not do well in spurning what He sets before us. We should spend more time in reading the Bible and prayerfully seeking a better understanding of God’s truths.

Can We All See the Bible Alike?

Excerpts from article by Hiram Hutto

If a statement is made often enough, people will come to believe it even though it is not true. A good example is that which you hear so often in religion, “We can’t all see the Bible alike.” The Apostle Paul disagrees with this idea in 1 Corinthians 1:10, *“Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment.”*

- **The Bible tells us there is only one God.** Can we all see this? The heathen in Paul’s day did not think they could. Why? Simply because they would not accept what the Bible said. All who believe the Bible can see this alike.
- **The Bible affirms that Jesus is the Son of God.** Can we all see this? Some do not. Why? Do they not understand what the Bible says? Does it tell one man that Jesus IS the Son of God and another that He is NOT? Some simply will not believe the Bible.
- **The Bible tells us there is but one body** (1 Corinthians 12:20), and that body is the church (Ephesians 1:22-223. American people are as hard to convince concerning the oneness of the church as Romans and Greeks were concerning the oneness of God. Yet Ephesians 4:6 says there is one God. Ephesians 4:4 says there is one body. Does the word “one” have two meanings? It means ONE in both passages.
- **Jesus tells us to believe in Him, John 3:16. The Bible tells us to repent, Acts 17:30. Peter commanded men to be baptized, Acts 10:48.** Some will not obey. Is it because they are uncertain whether God wants them to repent and be baptized? Do we have trouble seeing these commands, or do men simply refuse to believe and obey God?

Since the Apostle Paul commanded us to see the Bible alike (1 Corinthians 1:10). and since Jesus prayed that all should be one (John 17:20-21), and since God does not require of us that which is impossible, we CAN see the Bible alike!