

Will You Follow Man or The Bible?

Man Has Said:	The Bible Says:
<p>“The first and foremost commandment is to love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, mind and strength. And the second is to love your neighbor as yourself. Beyond these two things, the rest is simply quibbling over semantics.”</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Jesus defines the first and second commandments in Mt. 22:37-38. Jesus then shows that “the rest” is not just “quibbling over semantics.” Jesus does that by showing that “the rest” is “the Law and the Prophets.” The Law and prophets are vital. ➤ In the same chapter, the Pharisees test Jesus with their false views of the resurrection. In verse 29, Jesus begins to correct them and says, “You are mistaken, not knowing the Scriptures...” Jesus’ teaching about the resurrection was additional to the first two commands, yet clearly was not “quibbling over semantics.” ➤ In Mt. 22:31-32, Jesus continues his correction of the Pharisees’ false teaching. He points them to the verb tense of a single word in the Old Testament. Man would call this “quibbling over semantics” but this is how Jesus corrects false doctrine. ➤ Friends, God requires us to accurately understand and obey His Word. Galatians 1:6-9 warns us to reject a man that teaches anything contrary to what God revealed.
<p>“Doctrinal precision is not what’s going to impress God in the end.”</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 1 Timothy 4:1 warns that in latter times, some will give heed to “deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons.” The only way to know we are not following false doctrine is to be precise and accurate in our understanding and obedience of God’s Word. ➤ In Matthew 28:20, Jesus tells His disciples to teach others to obey “all things that I have commanded you.” God still expects us to teach <i>all</i> that He has revealed. ➤ Friends, God requires us to accurately understand and obey His Word. Galatians 1:6-9 warns us to reject a man that teaches anything contrary to what God revealed.
<p>“Unity can only come through the Holy Spirit, not through the wisdom of men in understanding God’s word.”</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The Bible is the only revelation from God. It came by means of the Holy Spirit (2 Peter 1:21) and is fully capable of supplying all of our needs (2 Timothy 3:16-17). ➤ True Bible unity is found only when we precisely obey God’s only revelation. In 2 Thessalonians 3:14, Paul says that if any “do not obey this epistle, note that person and do not keep company with them.” God expects us to precisely obey His Word. ➤ Friends, God requires us to accurately understand and obey His Word. Galatians 1:6-9 warns us to reject a man that teaches anything contrary to what God revealed.
<p>“I don’t believe salvation is determined by my preciseness.”</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The apostle Paul strongly disagrees. In Galatians 3:16, Paul teaches doctrinal truth based upon whether a single word is plural or singular (<i>seed vs. seeds</i>). ➤ If we are imprecise and careless with God’s Word, we will not understand God’s truths. God expects us to read and study and obey His Word precisely. ➤ Friends, God requires us to accurately understand and obey His Word. Galatians 1:6-9 warns us to reject a man that teaches anything contrary to what God revealed.
<p>“...I believe the grace of God is big enough to cover doctrinal error, sin and all other shortcomings.”</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ God’s matchless and amazing grace does not “cover” blatant doctrinal error. God’s grace brings us the opportunity to repent and have sins washed away. Romans 6:1-7 teaches that God’s grace is an opportunity to be cleansed from sin, not an opportunity to remain in doctrinal error. ➤ In Revelation 2:14-16, Jesus speaks to the church at Pergamos and clearly condemns doctrinal error that was in that church. Thus, while man says God’s grace covers doctrinal error, Jesus clearly indicates otherwise. ➤ Friends, God requires us to accurately understand and obey His Word. Galatians 1:6-9 warns us to reject a man that teaches anything contrary to what God revealed.

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