

A WAY THAT IS RIGHT AND CANNOT BE WRONG

Text: Proverbs 14:12

INTRO: The wise man speaks of a way that seems right, but is not what it seems. I suggest that there is a way that is right, and cannot be wrong. Let us seek and find and conform to the way that is right, so that when we stand before the Lord in judgment we will be ushered into the heavenly realm.

I. NO STANDARD OF AUTHORITY BUT THE BIBLE.

A. Perfect. The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul;
(Psalm 19:7). James 1:25

B. It instructs us in all good works, 2 Tim. 3:15-17

C. It informs us of all that pertains to life... 2 Pet 1:3

D. It guides us into all truth. JN 16:13; 14:26; 20:31

E. It furnishes us to everything profitable, Acts 20:20

F. It provides all the counsel of God, Acts 20:27

G. Therefore anything less than the Bible is not enough, anything more than the Bible is too much, anything different from what the Bible teaches is not safe.

1 Pet 4:11; 2 JN 9; Rev 22:18-19

II. NO NAME BUT THE NAME OF CHRIST. ACTS 4:12

A. In Isaiah's time, God promised a new name for His people. The Gentiles shall see your righteousness, & all kings your glory. You shall be called by a new name which the mouth of the Lord will name. (Isa 62:2).

B. This promise was fulfilled about 41, 42 A.D., Acts 11:26.

C. We are to glorify God in Christ's name, 1 Pet 4:16.

D. The apostles sought to persuade men to wear & live up to that name. Acts 26:28-29.

E. James, the brother of Jesus, calls it a noble name, JS 2:7.

F. Human names promote & emphasize division; Christ's name promotes & emphasizes unity.

READ I CORINTHIANS 1:11-14; 3:3-7

III. NO ORGANIZATION BUT THE CHURCH.

- A. Christ built, purchased, & became the Head of only one religious body, His church. MT 16:18; Acts 20:28; Eph. 5:23, 25
- B. All other religious bodies will be rooted up.
Psa 127:1; MT 15:9, 13
- C. The church Christ built is sufficient to do all the work God gave it to do.

IV. NO WORSHIP BUT NEW TESTAMENT WORSHIP.

John 4:23-24; John 17:17

- A. Teaching, preaching, studying God's will, Acts 17:11
- B. Prayer to God in Jesus' name, JN 14:13-14; 15:16; 16:23-24
- C. Singing, Eph 5:19; Col 3:16; Heb 2:12; 1 Cor 14:15
- D. Giving, 1 Cor 16:1-2; 2 Cor 9:7
- E. The Lord's supper, Acts 20:7; 1 Cor 10:16

CONCLUSION: Of course, one's attitude and motive in serving God is of utmost importance. Even the right actions performed for the wrong reasons will not be acceptable to Him, MT 6:1-18. But if our attitude is what it ought to be, if our motives are right, we can serve and worship God in a way that is right and cannot be wrong.

Jonestown, TX, March 30, 1969

Springhill, LA, October 1, 1972

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