

THINGS THAT ARE THE SAME THAT MAN THINKS ARE
DIFFERENT Text: Acts 15:8-9

INTRO: One of the most common causes of confusion & division in religion is man's proneness to make a distinction where God says there is no difference.

I. HEART AND MIND.

For as he thinks in his heart, so is he. (Prov 23:7).

Why are you reasoning in your hearts? (LK 5:22).

Rom 10:10; Rom 6:17; MT 22:37

II. THE KINGDOM & THE CHURCH.

Matt 16:18-19

Luke 22:30; 1 Cor. 10:21

Rev 1:9; Col. 1:13

NOTE: To make a long story short, there is no difference between Christ's headship & his kingship.

III. BEING IN CHRIST, IN THE BODY OF CHRIST, IN THE
CHURCH OF CHRIST & IN THE KINGDOM OF CHRIST

Gal 3:26-27; 1 Cor 12:13; Acts 2:41, 47; John 3:5

IV. THINGS ESSENTIAL TO OBEDIENCE & THINGS
ESSENTIAL TO SALVATION.

Hiscox's Standard Manual for Baptist Churches: "Baptism is not essential to salvation, for our churches utterly repudiate the dogma of 'baptismal regeneration' but it IS essential to obedience, since Christ has commanded it. It is also essential to a public confession of Christ before the world, & to membership in the church which is His body. And no true lover of his Lord will refuse these acts of obedience & tokens of affection." Heb 5:9, Matt 7:21; Matt. 10:32-33

V. THE TIME OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE RIGHTEOUS &
THE TIME OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE WICKED.

John 5:28-29; Acts 24:15; John 6:40

VI. THE DURATION OF HEAVEN & HELL.

A. Heaven

et. life, MT 25:46
ev. life, MT 19:29
et. life, LK 18:30
ev. life, Dan 12:2
live forever, Psa 22:26

B. Hell

et. damnation, MK 3:29
ev. punishment, MT 25:46
ev. fire, MT 18:8, 25, 41
ev. destruction, 2 Thess 1:9
ev. contempt, Dan 12:2
torment forever & ever, Rev 20:10

CONCLUSION: It is important that we not make distinctions where God has made no difference.

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