FOREVER GOD'S WORD IS SETTLED IN HEAVEN  
*Psa. 119:89*

**Introduction:**
1. "Forever, O Lord, your word stands firm in heaven." (New Living Translation)
2. God's word is eternal and unchanging.
   (1) Jesus said: "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but My words shall not pass away." (Matt. 24:35)
   (2) Peter said: "But the word of the Lord endureth forever." (I Pet. 1:25).
3. Jesus said: "Whatsoever ye shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven" (Matt. 18:18).
4. If man attempts to change God's word, he comes under the curse of God. (Gal. 1:6-9; Rev. 22:18-19)
5. God's word has forever settled the things that have to do with our salvation.

**I. GOD'S WORD HAS FOREVER SETTLED WHAT IS TO BE PREACHED.**
1. The gospel of Christ is to be preached (Mark 16:15,16; I Cor. 15:1-4; Rom. 1:15-17; 2 Tim. 4:2).
2. Nothing that is profitable is to be kept back in preaching (Acts 20:20).
3. One who preaches must not shun to declare all the counsel of God. (Acts 20:27)
4. HOW we are to preach has been settled in heaven (2 Tim. 4:2).

**II. GOD'S WORD HAS FOREVER SETTLED THAT THERE IS ONE CHURCH.**
1. ONE was prophesied (Isa. 2:2,3; Dan. 2:44).
2. Jesus promised to build ONE (Matt. 16:18).
3. Jesus bought but ONE with His blood (Eph. 5:25; Acts 20:28).
4. The saved are added to ONE (Acts 2:47).
5. Jesus is the Savior of ONE (Eph. 5:23).

**III. THE WORD OF GOD HAS FOREVER SETTLED WHAT CONSTITUTES SIN.**
1. "Sin is the transgression of the law." (I John 3:4)
2. "All unrighteousness is sin:" (I John 5:17; Psa. 119:172)
3. "...To him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin." (James 4:17)
4. By forbidding where God has not forbidden is sin (I Tim. 4:3; Mark 7:2-7).
5. By allowing that which the Lord has not allowed is sin (I Cor. 4:6; 2 John 9-11).
6. By adding to what God has said is sin (Rev. 22:18).
7. By taking away from what God has said is sin (Rev. 22:19).
8. "For whatsoever is not of faith is sin" (Rom. 14:22,23).
9. The works of the flesh is sin (Gal. 5:19-21).

**IV. THE WORD OF GOD HAS FOREVER SETTLED THE REMEDY FOR SIN.**
1. Christ's shed blood (Matt. 26:28; Rev. 1:5; I Pet. 1:18-19) AND
2. Obedience to the gospel (Rom. 6:17-18; I Pet. 1:22,23; Mark 16:15,16; Acts 2:38).

**V. THE WORD OF GOD HAS FOREVER SETTLED HOW CHRISTIANS ARE TO LIVE.**
1. Their manner of life is to be worthy of the gospel of Christ. (Phil. 1:27)
2. They must deny ungodliness and worldly lusts (Tit. 2:11,12).
3. They must keep themselves unspotted from the world (James 1:27).
4. They must not be a friend of the world (James 4:4).
5. They must not love the world (I John 2:15-17).

**IV. THE WORD OF GOD HAS FOREVER SETTLED ACCEPTABLE WORSHIP.**
1. It is to be in spirit and in truth (John 4:23,24).
2. Christ authorized five (5) items of worship:
   (1) The Lord's supper on the first day of the week (Acts 20:7).
   (2) Giving on the first day of the week (I Cor. 16:1,2).
   (3) Singing (Eph. 5:19)
   (4) Teaching (Acts 2:42)
   (5) Prayer (Acts 2:42)
VII. THE WORD OF GOD HAS FOREVER SETTLED THE WORK OF THE CHURCH.
1. Preaching the gospel to the lost (Matt. 28:19-20).
2. Edifying the saved (I Cor. 16:1,2).
3. Helping needy saints (I Cor. 16:1,2).
4. The work of the church is NOT SOCIAL (I Cor. 11:22).

VIII. THE WORD OF GOD HAS FOREVER SETTLED WHO CAN DIVORCE AND REMARRY.
2. Jesus taught that there is ONE REASON for divorce and remarriage--the reason: FORNICATION (Matt. 19:9).
3. The innocent can put away the guilty party and marry again (Matt. 19:9).
4. The guilty party can NEVER MARRY AGAIN without committing adultery (Matt. 19:9).

Conclusion:
1. May we ever respect the finality of God's word.
2. We will all be judged by this eternal word in the Judgment (John 12:48).