

NOT EVERYTHING YOU HEAR IS SCRIPTURAL

Lesson Two

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INTRODUCTION

1. This is the second lesson on this subject.
2. As we have pointed out, many things that are taught and handed down from generation to generation are unscriptural.
 - (1) By "unscriptural" I mean that there is no scriptural authority for them.
 - (2) They are NOT authorized by Jesus Christ --Matt. 28:18.

I. "ONE CHURCH IS AS GOOD AS ANOTHER"

1. Most of us have heard this teaching from the time we were children.
2. Is this statement true??
3. It most certainly is NOT true!
4. Different kinds of churches are UNSCRIPTURAL.
5. Only ONE church is mentioned in the word of God.
 - (1) Jesus promised to build ONE -- Matt. 16:18.
 - (2) He bought only ONE with His blood -- Acts 20:28.
 - (3) We are "*called in one body*" by the gospel -- Col. 3:15; II Thess. 2:14
 - (4) Paul said "*There is one body*" -- Eph. 4:4.
 - (5) Paul said we are reconciled unto God "*in one body*"-- Eph. 2:16.
 - (6) Paul said we are "*baptized into one body*"-- I Cor. 12:13.
 - (7) All the saved are added to one body -- Acts 2:47.
6. Local churches were called "*churches of Christ*" -- Rom. 16:16
7. Local churches all taught the same thing -- I Cor. 4:17
8. The church that Jesus built DOES NOT HAVE:
 - (1) A denominational head -- Eph. 1: 22, 23.
 - (2) Denominational organization -- Acts 14:23.
 - (3) Denominational names -- Matt. 16:18; Rom. 16:16; I Cor. 1:1, 2.
 - (4) Does not hold to denominational doctrines -- 2 John 9.
 - (5) It is not denominational in its work and worship.
9. Followers of Christ in apostolic times were NOT denominationalists.
10. The Bible does NOT teach that "one church is as good as another".

II. "THERE IS NOTHING IN A NAME"

1. The denominations have "sung this song" down through the generations.
2. Is it true that there is "nothing in a name"?
3. The answer is -- NO.
4. The expression "There is not anything in a name" is unscriptural.
5. The scriptures plainly declare that there IS something in a name!
6. Salvation is ONLY IN THE NAME OF THE LORD -- Acts 4:12.
7. There is HONOR IN A NAME:
 - (1) The wife honors her husband by wearing his name.

- (2) The church honors her husband (Christ) by wearing His name -- Rom. 16:16.
8. Denominations regard human names ABOVE the Divine names; they wear their human, unscriptural names rather than wear the Divine names.

III. "BAPTISM IN WATER WILL NOT SAVE ANYONE"

1. This is an old doctrine passed down by denominational people.
2. The New Testament does NOT teach this doctrine.
 - (1) When the people on Pentecost asked "*What shall we do?*" -- Acts 2:37.
 - (2) They were told to "*repent and be baptized. . . for the remission of sins*" --Acts 2:38.
 - (3) Jesus said, "*He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved*" -- Mark 16: 16.
 - (4) Jesus said we cannot enter the kingdom without the new birth -- John 3:5.
 - (5) Ananias told Saul, "*Arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins*" --Acts 22:16.
 - (6) We are baptized into Christ -- Gal. 3: 26 - 27; Rom. 6:3 ,4.
 - (7) I Pet. 3:21
 - (8) This is a very soul-damning doctrine.

IV. "THE LORD DOES NOT SAY WHEN TO EAT THE LORD'S SUPPER"

1. Those who say that the Lord does not tell us WHEN to eat the Lord's supper in memory of Jesus' death are misrepresenting the scriptures.
2. Denominational preachers are often guilty of this misrepresentation.
 - (1) They teach that the supper can be eaten on other days.
3. The scriptures tell us WHEN to eat the supper, and WHY to eat the supper:
 - (1) WHEN? On the first day of the week -- Acts 20:7.
 - (2) WHY? In remembrance of Jesus' death on our behalf -- I Cor. 11: 23 - 26

CONCLUSION

1. I think you can see from this lesson that everything we hear that is being practiced in religion is NOT SCRIPTURAL!