

Bible Authority

Genesis 1:1, 26-27



Common justifications for following doctrines outside the teachings we find in God's word:

- It is a "good work" isn't it?
- It enhances our worship service and makes our worship service more fulfilling
- It would create more impact and result in more souls being saved
- It will bring others in to hear the gospel that might not otherwise hear it
- If it's a "good thing" what does it hurt? Or why is it wrong?

God established himself as:

- Creator and we are the created/creation (Genesis 1:1, 26-27)
- Lawgiver and we are to obey (Genesis 2:16; 4:10; 6:7)
- Sovereign Lord of all things (Deuteronomy 10:17; Psalms 136:2-3)
- King and we are subjects (Psalms 24:10; 10:16-17; 74:12; Isaiah 33:22)

We can not know the mind nor thoughts of God

(1 Corinthians 2:11; Isaiah 55:9; Jeremiah 10:23; 1 Corinthians 3:20)

Examples of man's wisdom:

- **Eve** (Genesis 3:6)
- **Moses** (Numbers 20:1-12)
- **Saul** (1 Samuel 13: 7-14)
- **Uzzah** (2 Samuel 6:1-7)
- **Peter** (John 18:10)
- **Paul** (Acts 22:1-21)

Question:

Whose will and wisdom is most important? God's

Question:

How do we know what his will is then? Bible!

God's plan and desire for man:

Redemption/Adoption thru Christ (Eph 1: 3-10)

- Pray** (Luke 18:1; Ephesians 6:18-20; 1 Thessalonians 5:17-18)
- Sing** (Ephesians 5:19-20; Colossians 3;16; James 5:13)
- Assemble Together** (Matthew 18;20; Hebrews 10:25; Acts 2:42-47; 1 Corinthians 14:26)
- Preach the Word** (Acts 8:4; Mark 16:15; Matthew 28:19-20; 1 Timothy 4:13; 2 Timothy 4:2)
- Teach Others** (Colossians 3:16; 1 Timothy 4:11, 2 Timothy 2:24; Titus 2:1,15)

God's plan and desire for man (cont'd):

- Be Baptized** (Acts 2:38, 41; Mark 16:16; Acts 10:48; 1 Corinthians 12:13; Galatians 3:27)
- ObeY** (John 15:10; 1 John 1:7, 2:28)
- Lord's Supper** (Matthew 26; Mark 14; Luke 22; Acts 20:7)
- Rebuke False Teachers** (1 Timothy 1:3; 2 Timothy 2:25; Titus 2:15)
- Be Like Minded** (Philippians 1:27-28, 2;1-2; 1 Corinthians 1:10)

God's plan and desire for man (cont'd):

- Giving/Benevolence** (1 Corinthians 16:1-2; 2 Corinthians 8:1-5; Acts 2:42-47)
- Reading of Scripture** (1 Timothy 4:13)
- Study** (2 Timothy 2:15; Acts 17:11; 1 Peter 2:2)
- Love each other** (John 13:34; 15:13; 1 Peter 1:22)
 - believers** (1 Peter 2:17)
 - the truth** (2 Thessalonians 2:10)
 - God** (Mark 12:30-33; 1 Corinthians 16:22)
 - enemies** (Luke 6:27)

God's plan and desire for man (cont'd):

- Do Good Works** (Hebrews 10:24)
- Care for each other** (Romans 12:10 - honor; Galatians 5:13 - serve; 1 Peter 3:8-9 - compassionate)
- Be called Christians** (Acts 11:26)

God's position on his authority:

Deuteronomy 4:2

"you shall not add to the word which I command you, nor take from it, that you may keep the commandments of the LORD your God which I command you"

Deuteronomy 12:32

"Whatever I command you, be careful to observe it; you shall not add to it nor take away from it..."

God's position on his authority:

Galatians 1:8-10

"But even if we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel to you than what we have preached to you, let him be accursed..."

Revelation 22:18-19

"For I testify to everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: if anyone adds to these things, God will add to him the plagues that are written in this book; and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part from the Book of Life, from the Holy City, and from the things which are written in this book"

1 Peter 4:11

"If anyone speaks, let him do so as the oracles of God ... that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belong the glory and the dominion forever and ever ..."

Let us always remember to speak clearly, plainly and ONLY as the oracles of God.

