

New Song Fellowship Church

Being and Making Disciples

Says Who?

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1 Cor 5:6 Your boasting is not good. Don't you know that a little yeast leavens the whole batch of dough? 7 Get rid of the old yeast, so that you may be a new unleavened batch--as you really are. For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed. 8 Therefore let us keep the Festival, not with the old bread leavened with malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

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I wrote to you in my letter...wait, this is FIRST Corinthians...what other letter?

Does this mean our Bibles are somehow "not complete?"

Books "not included" - several books referred to in the scriptures which are not contained in the Bible, for example Num 21 = "The Book of Wars," Josh 10 "The Book of Jasher," 1 Chron 29 "The Book of Nathan" (and 7 others)...these books were written to celebrate events and historically significant issues, but NOT divinely inspired.

Old Testament - what parameters were used to determine their inclusion? The ancient scribes were scrupulous in preserving and protecting the writings, and they used simple but important principles in assembling their Bible:

- 1) Did the writer claim it was inspired? Example Isaiah "the Lord has spoken" [1:2]; Jeremiah "The word of the Lord came to him..." [1:2]
- 2) Is the writing historically accurate?
- 3) Does it coincide with other writings?
- 4) Was it accepted as the word of God?

The Apocrypha - why are these books excluded?

- 1) Lack of divine inspiration
- 2) Written after the prophetic era
- 3) Contradictions with authentic writings
- 4) Not widely accepted as authoritative

New Testament - the key tenets used in evaluating the writings were:

- 1) Authorship = Apostolic origin (Apostles and those closely associated with them)
- 2) Consistent with true (apostolic) doctrine
- 3) Consistent with the Old Testament
- 4) Accepted by the early church

2 Pe 1:3 His divine power has given us everything we need for a godly life through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness. 4 Through these he has given us his very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature, having escaped the corruption in the world caused by evil desires.

(NLT) 2 Pe 1:20 Above all, you must realize that no prophecy in Scripture ever came from the prophet's own understanding, 21 or from human initiative. No, those prophets were moved by the Holy Spirit, and they spoke from God.

2 Ti 3:16 All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, 17 so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

Other evidence as to the accuracy of the scriptures...creation, history, science, archaeology!! We have the WORD OF GOD!!

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Php 2:14 Do everything without complaining and arguing, 15 so that no one can criticize you. Live clean, innocent lives as children of God, shining like bright lights in a world full of crooked and perverse people.

Mat 5:14 "You are the light of the world--like a city on a hilltop that cannot be hidden..." V 16 In the same way, let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father.

Joh 17:15 My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one. 16 They are not of the world, even as I am not of it. 17 Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth.

1 Cor 5:11 But now I am writing to you that you must not associate with anyone who claims to be a brother or sister but is sexually immoral or greedy, an idolater or slanderer, a drunkard or swindler. Do not even eat with such people.

1 Cor 5:12 What business is it of mine to judge those outside the church?

Mat 7:1 "Do not judge, or you too will be judged. 2 For in the same way you judge others, you will be judged, and with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.

Mat 7:3 "Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother's eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye? 4 How can you say to your brother, 'Let me take the speck out of your eye,' when all the time there is a plank in your own eye? 5 You hypocrite, first take the plank out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother's eye.

1 Cor 5:12 What business is it of mine to judge those outside the church? Are you not to judge those inside? 13 God will judge those outside. "Expel the wicked person from among you."

Act 17:31 For he has set a day when he will judge the world with justice by the man he has appointed. He has given proof of this to everyone by raising him from the dead.

Joh 3:16 "For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life. 17 God sent his Son into the world not to judge the world, but to save the world through him. 18 "There is no judgment against anyone who believes in him. But anyone who does not believe in him has already been judged for not believing in God's one and only Son.

Weekly Reflection

Take a few moments this week to sit with these questions.

1. Someone close to you asks, "Why do you believe the Bible? Isn't it just written by men?" Using 2 Peter 1:20-21 and 2 Timothy 3:16-17, how would you answer in your own words?
2. Pastor Dean said creation, history, and a changed life all testify that this is the Word of God. Where have you seen the Word of God prove true in your own life?
3. Paul says we are not to leave the world but to shine in it (Philippians 2:14-15, Matthew 5:14-16). Who in your everyday world needs to see that light from you this week?
4. 1 Corinthians 5:11-13 is about sin inside the fellowship, not outside it. When you read Matthew 7:1-5 in full, what does Jesus actually ask of you before you address a brother or sister?