



There Is A Way That Seems Right...

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There are literally thousands of various religious groups all teaching a different plan for salvation. With so many different ways being taught, we must ask, “Are they all acceptable with God?” Jesus said, “And ye shall know **the truth**, and **the truth** shall make you free” (John 8:32); He did not say one many truths. In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus described only two ways a person can travel (Matthew 7:13-14).

We must honestly examine ourselves to determine whether our beliefs and teachings are in harmony with God’s Word (II Corinthians 13:5). Numerous warnings have been given in the New Testament concerning false ways and teachings. Jesus said, “Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep’s clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves. Ye shall know them by their fruits...” (Matthew 7:15-16a). We must test the teachings of any person who claims to teach God’s Word to see whether or not his teaching is truly according to God’s Word. The Bereans were commended, not condemned, because they tested the teachings of others (Acts 17:11). The apostle John encouraged, “Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world” (I John 4:1; Also compare I Thessalonians 5:21).

It is our obligation to test or prove the teachings of others, because by accepting a teaching that is not correct, or in harmony with God’s Word, will cause one to be lost eternally! It is not good enough for a doctrine to be close to truth or even “sound good;” it must be truth! Solomon wrote, “There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death” (Proverbs 14:12).

Paul wrote to warn of the possibility of being deceived by false doctrines of Satan and his ministers, “And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. Therefore it

is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works” (II Corinthians 11:13-14). Peter also wrote concerning these false teachers (II Peter 2:1-22). Paul wrote to warn of those who would pervert the gospel and the dangers of accepting a perverted gospel (Galatians 1:6-8). Can you find that which you teach and practice in the Bible? If not, please give it up today!

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