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Can We All See the Bible Alike?

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There are literally thousands of different religious groups all claiming to be church that is following the Christ. Yet, each one teaches a different plan of salvation. Many have tried to justify this division and confusion by saying we cannot see the Bible alike. Let us think together and see if this idea is a valid one.

First, when God created us, He gave us an intellect with which we are to think, reason and rationally come to logical conclusions based only on adequate evidences. In creating us, God also gave us the ability to communicate with one another. God, because of our need for salvation, communicated with us through His Word, the Bible. It would be completely impossible for us to know what God had in mind to redeem us from our sins unless He revealed His will to us, which He did (I Corinthians 2:6-12). Question: Would God give to man His Will concerning salvation if man could not understand it? Certainly not!

Second, to say that something is impossible to understand is not the same as saying something is hard or difficult to understand. There are concepts in our world that demands much study in order to comprehend; for example, algebra is difficult for me to understand, but not impossible. Question: Can all people understand and come to the same conclusions about algebra? Certainly! Peter wrote concerning the writing of the apostle Paul, saying that there "...are some things **hard** to be understood, which they that are unlearned and unstable wrest, as they do also the other scriptures, unto their own destruction" (II Peter 3:16).

If we are willing to honestly study from God's Word, without any preconceived ideas or notions, then we can understand and come to the same conclusions about God's Word. Paul said that this was necessary for unity to exist in the church at Corinth (I Corinthians 1:10). In Ephesians 3:4-5, Paul wrote, "How that by revelation he made known unto me the mystery; (as I

wrote afore in few words, Whereby, when ye read, **ye may understand** my knowledge in the mystery of Christ.)” If we cannot see the Bible alike, the result is confusion. Paul wrote, “For God is not the author of confusion...” (I Corinthians 14:33). Paul said that we CAN understand God’s Word and we MUST understand it alike! When someone tells us we cannot all see the Bible alike, they are saying that God is not able to effectively communicate His Will to us. This is simply an excuse employed by Satan to allow people to embrace teaching that is not in harmony with God’s Word and feel safe with it (cf. II Corinthians 11:14-15; John 8:44).

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