

A Learned Religion

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HBR

Introduction

1. John 6:44-45
2. The passage says, taught, heard, and learned then they can come to the Jesus
3. Christianity is a learned religion
 - a. Learned - characterized by or associated with learning
 - b. Learning - knowledge or skill acquired by instruction or study
 - c. Learn - to gain knowledge or understanding of or skill in by study, instruction, or experience
 - d. LEARN, LEARNED (BE)"to increase one's knowledge," or "be increased in knowledge," frequently "to learn by inquiry, or observation," not simply the doctrine of Christ, but Christ Himself, a process not merely of getting to know the person but of so applying the knowledge as to walk differently from the rest of the Gentiles ³
 - e. Matthew 11:28-30 "...learn of me"
 - f. When we learn better we do better? That is the way it ought to be, but is it true in religion?
 - g. Two points to today lesson are: we learn to love God; and we must learn what it means to accept Bible authority

II Discussion

- a. We must learn to love God
 - b. God loves us. John 3:16
 - c. Notice in all these passages that love is surrounded by doing, God did something for us.
 - i. 1 John 4:9-10 (manifested) (sent) (live) (sent) (propitiation)
 - ii. Romans 5:6-8 (died)
 - iii. John 10:17 (lay)
 - iv. John 14:29-31 (may know, how? By doing the commands)
 - v. Therefore love = action
 - vi. John 15:13-14 (lay) (do)
 - vii. Mark 12:30 what does it mean for us to love God?
 - d. How do we show our love toward God?
 - i. Emotions are not a guide, love is an emotion, but not a guide
 - ii. When we leave the Word of God we are in trouble
 - iii. John 15:9-10 (abide in God's love we must keep the commandments)
 - iv. If we love God we have a job to do, if we don't do that job then do we love God? John 15:10a
 - v. John 14:15 (Keep) do what God tells us to do
 - vi. John 14:24 if we do not keep the commandments that have been set forth by God, they how can we say that we love God?
 - vii. If we love God there are things that we will do and some things we will not do just because we love God!
 - viii. If I truly love God then there is not a question, we will do what He commands
 - ix. Do you love God? Are you keeping the commandments?
- x. We must learn Bible authority
 - e. Acts 8:5, 12 (the name of Jesus Christ)
 - f. Colossians 3:17 (word or deed, do all in the name of Jesus Christ)

- g. Authority is taken power to influence or command thought, opinion, or behavior: freedom granted by one in authority: persons in command
- h. Matthew 8:5-10 shows authority verse 9
- i. Can't assume authority for ourselves Matthew 28:18 authority is Christ's
- j. God built one church
 - i. He was resurrected from the dead, He has authority
 - ii. Those still in the grave we have no need to listen to them
- k. Matthew 16:19; 18:18 only bind the things that Christ bound; can't change the message
- l. 2 Corinthians 5:20 they are the ambassadors
- m. John 16:13 They would be guided into all truth
- n. Acts 2:42 Apostles doctrine, Christ doctrine
- o. They wrote it down we go to the Bible, we do not make it up
- p. Hebrews 8:6 "better" than what? Old
- q. Hebrews 8:13 "New" is the best
- r. Can't live by New Testament promises and go to the Old for what we want to do 2 Peter 1:3-4
- s. Galatians 5:1-4 Keep part must keep it all; then ye are fallen from Grace; New Law will not help you any and the Old Law has be done away

III Conclusion

- a. Do you love God?
- b. We can see if you do or not and you know if you do or not
- c. Do you accept Bible authority or do you want to do religious things your way?
- d. If you do them your way then you are not coming to the Father
- e. Where do you want to be for eternity, smoking or non-smoking?
- f. Let us learn and do what God said to do

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