

WHAT DIFFERENCE DOES IT MAKE?

I. As to what a person believes, just so he is honest?

A. Purity and honesty are wonderful traits to be commended.

B. Doctrine determines religious practice.

C. Honesty may determine how we feel about the doctrine which we follow.

ACTS 26:9 I VERILY THOUGHT WITH MYSELF THAT I OUGHT TO DO MANY THINGS CONTRARY TO THE NAME OF JESUS OF NAZARETH.

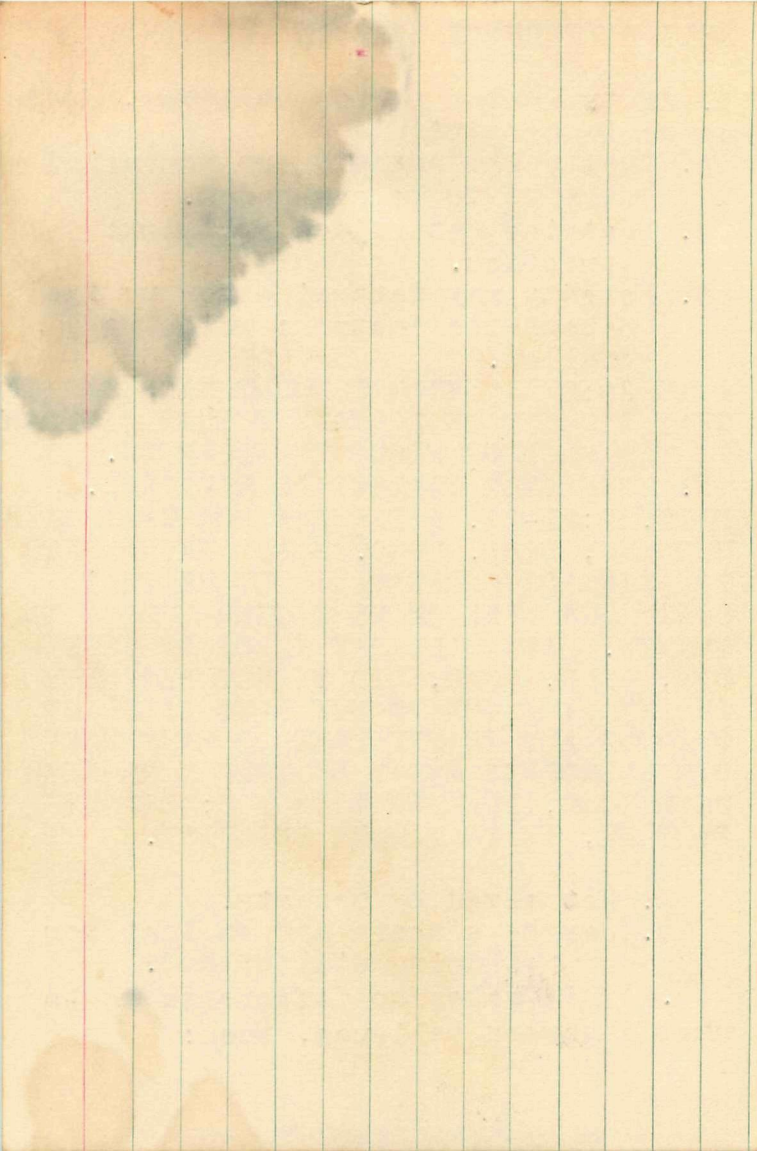
II. MORE THAN HONESTY IS REQUIRED.

MATT. 7:21-23. NOT EVERY ONE THAT SAITH UNTO ME, LORD. LORD. SHALL ENTER INTO THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN: BUT HE THAT DOETH THE WILL OF MY FATHER WHO IS IN HEAVEN. MANY WILL SAY TO ME IN THAT DAY, LORD, LORD, DID WE NOT PROPHECY IN THY NAME AND IN THY NAME CAST OUT DEAMONS AND IN THE NAME DO MANY WONDERFUL WORKS? AND THEN WILL I PROFESS UNTO THEM, I NEVER KNEW YOU: DEPART FROM ME, YE THAT WORK INIQUITY.

A. Not saved by honesty.

B. May be sincere and be lost for not doing will of God.

III. If it makes no difference as to what a person believes, then:



A. THERE COULD BE NO FALSE PROPHETS.

GAL. 1:8,9 BUT THOUGH WE OR AN ANGEL FROM HEAVEN SHOULD PREACH UNTO YOU ANY GOSPEL OTHER THAN THAT WHICH WE ~~PREACH~~ PREACHED UNTO YOU, LET HIM BE ANATHEMA.

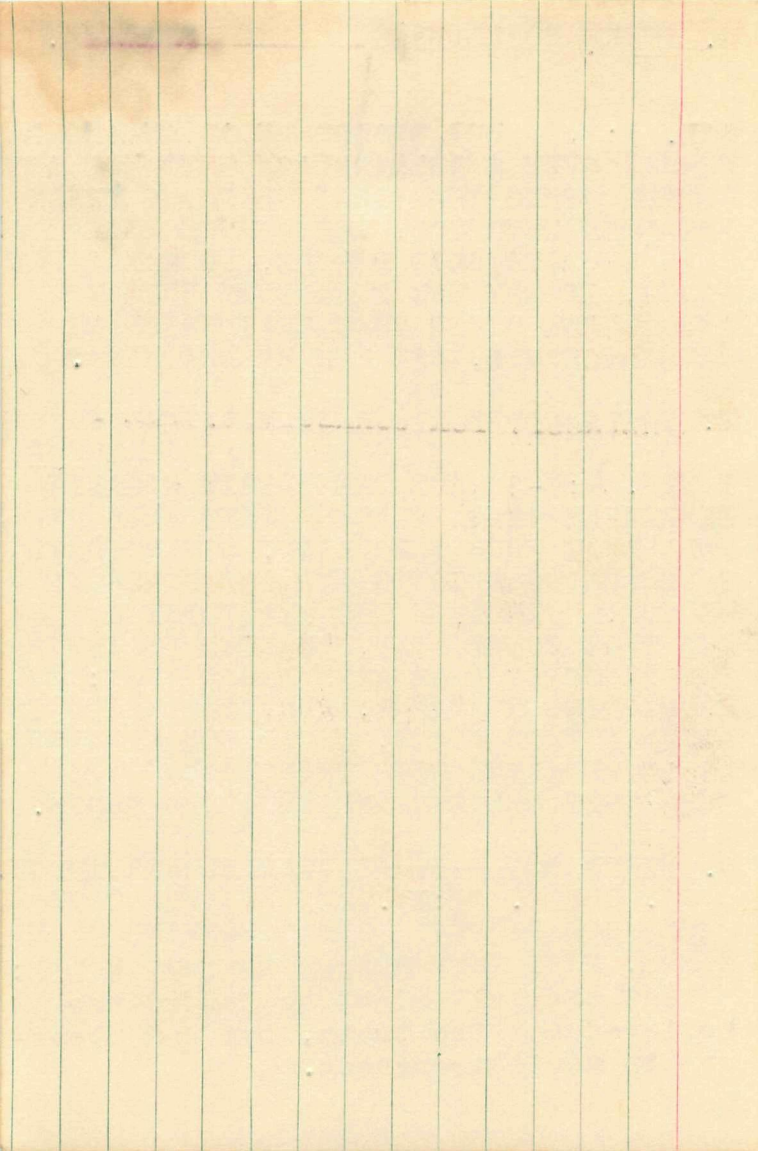
AS WE HAVE SAID BEFORE, SO SAY I NOW AGAIN, IF ANY MAN PREACHETH UNTO YOU ANY GOSPEL OTHER THAN THAT WHICH YE HAVE RECEIVED, LET HIM BE ANATHEMAN.

B. THERE COULD BE NO SUCH THING AS
ERROR.

I TIM. 4:1-3 BUT THE SPIRIT SPEAKETH EXPRESSLY THAT IN LATER TIMES SOME SHALL FALL AWAY FROM THE FAITH, GIVING HEED TO SEDUCING SPIRITS AND DOCTRINES OF DEMONS, THROUGH THE HYPOCRISY OF MEN THAT SPEAK LIES, BRANDED IN THEIR OWN CONSCIENCE AS WITH A HOT IRON: ~~TO~~ FORBIDDING TO MARRY, AND COMMANDING TO ABSTAIN FROM MEATS, WHICH GOD CREATED TO BE RECEIVED WITH THANKSGIVING BY THEM THAT BELIEVE AND KNOW THE TRUTH.

C. ERROR WOULD BE AS VALUABLE AS TRUTH.

II. THESS. II:11.12 AND FOR THIS CAUSE GOD SENDETH THEM A WORKING OF ~~THE~~ ERROR, THAT THEY SHOULD BELIEVE A LIE: that they all might be judged who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.



D. NO NEED TO TEACH

II TIM. 4:1,2 I CHARGE THEE IN THE SIGHT OF GOD, AND OF CHRIST JESUS, WHO SHALL JUDGE THE LIVING AND THE DEAD, BY HIS APPEARING AND HIS KINGDOM:

PREACH THE WORD; BE URGENT IN SEASON OUT OF SEASON, REPROVE, REBUKE, EXHORT WITH ALL LONGSUFFERING AND TEACHING.

E. SCRIP. NOT NEEDED FOR CORRECTION

II TIME. 3:16 EVERY SCRIPTURE INSPIRED OF GOD IS ALSO PROFITABLE FOR TEACHING FOR REPROOF, FOR CORRECTION, FOR INSTRUCTION WHICH IS IN RIGHTEOUSNESS.

A. No need for correction if pagan teaching is correct.

Reduces Bible to vain babblings and meaningless commands.

ONE TRUE GOSPEL --- GAL. 1:8,9

ONE TRUE FAITH --- EPH. 4:5

IT DOES MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

