

圣经函授课程

A BIBLE CORRESPONDENCE COURSE

LESSON 2 - AUTHORITY IN CHRISTIANITY

第二课 - 信仰上的标准

We must have standards and authorities in all the affairs of life. If we do not, then we have much confusion. Every nation has a government which exercises authority over it. The headmaster and teachers exercise authority in the school. Parents exercise authority in the home.

In Christianity we see much division and confusion. Why? Because we fail to be guided by the true standard of authority! The result is hundreds of churches with many different teachings. Before this confusion can be cleared, we must all agree on an authority in Christianity. What will it be?

THE BIBLE IS THE INSPIRED WORD OF GOD

The Bible is the authority in Christianity because it is the inspired Word of God. The apostle Paul, in writing to Timothy, said: "All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work" (2 Timothy 3:16-17). Peter said, "...men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God" (2 Peter 1:21).

Peter is talking about the men who wrote the Bible. They were men who were told what to write. The Holy Spirit is the one who told them. If we listen to what the Bible says, we are listening to God. God is perfect. What He says is right. Man is not perfect. He makes mistakes. We must not listen to man because he is sometimes wrong. Since God cannot be wrong, we must listen to Him. Then we know we are right. "...your word is truth" (John 17:17). The Bible is the Word of God. The words of God are truth. Therefore, the Bible contains all truth.

MAN CANNOT DIRECT HIS OWN WAY

The Bible is the authority in Christianity because man cannot direct his own way. "I know, O Lord, that the way of human beings is not in their control, that mortals as they walk cannot direct their steps" (Jeremiah 10:23). Many people think that they can decide by themselves what is right in Christianity. When man tries to direct his own way, he finds much trouble. When he listens to God, he does much better. If man were able to direct his own way, God would not have given us the Bible. In order to find the way of life that is pleasing to God, we must let the Bible be our guide.

WE WILL BE JUDGED BY THE BIBLE

The Bible is the authority in Christianity because we will be judged by it at the second coming of Christ. "...it is appointed for mortals [men] to die once, and after that the judgment" (Hebrews 9:27). No one can escape death. The whole world agrees with that. Neither can a person escape the judgment. Since we cannot escape the judgment, we must prepare for it. But how can we prepare for it? By listening to Jesus. God gave Jesus authority to speak. It will be the words of Christ that will judge us. Listen to what Jesus has to say: "The one who rejects me and does not receive my word has a judge; on the last day the word that I have spoken will serve as judge" (John 12:48).

测验 - 第二课

请在下列的空白线上填入答案:

1. 在宗教世界中我们看到很多的分歧和混乱因为人不能遵行真正信仰上的 _____ .
2. 假如我们听从圣经、我们就听从 _____ .
3. 圣经是神所 _____ 的.
4. 圣经告诉我们怎么做才可以 _____.
5. 每一个人将按照自己的 _____ 受到审判.

假如句子是正确的、在空白线上写『是』; 假如句子是不正确的、在空白线上写『非』.

1. ___ 神是完美的.
2. ___ 圣经包括所有的真理.
3. ___ 在宗教方面、人能够决定什么是对的.
4. ___ 审判时、基督会用祂的话语审判我们.
5. ___ 受浸之前、我们的罪已经赦免了.

在空白线里填入经节的字:

1. 『圣经都是神 _____, 于 _____, _____, 使人 _____, _____ 人学 _____ 都是有益的, 叫属神的人得以 _____, 预备行各样的善事』(提后 3:16-17).
2. 『耶和华啊, 我晓得人的道路不由 _____, 行路的人也不能定自己的脚步』(耶 10:23).
3. 『因为我们 _____ 必要在基督台前显露出来, 叫各人按着所行的, 或善或恶受报』(林后 5:10).
4. 『他既得以完全, 就为凡 _____ 他的人成了永远得救的根源』(来 5:9).
5. 『_____ 而 _____ 必然得救, 不信的必被定罪』(可 16:16).
6. 『彼得说, 你们各人要, 奉耶稣基督的名受洗, _____ 你们的罪 _____, 就必领受所赐的圣灵』(徒 2:38).

TEST – LESSON 2

FILL IN THE BLANKS:

1. Christianity has much division and confusion because we have failed to be guided by the true standard of _____ .
2. If we listen to what the Bible says, we are listening to _____ .
3. The Bible is the _____ of God.
4. The Bible tells us what to do to be _____ .
5. Every man will be judged by his own _____ .

IF THE STATEMENT IS CORRECT, WRITE TRUE IN THE BLANK; IF THE STATEMENT IS FALSE, WRITE FALSE IN THE BLANK.

1. ___ God is perfect.
2. ___ The Bible contains all truth.
3. ___ Man is able to decide for himself what is right in Christianity.
4. ___ We will be judged by the words of Christ at the judgment.
5. ___ We receive forgiveness of sins before baptism.

FILL IN THE BLANKS IN THE SCRIPTURES:

1. All scripture is _____ by God, and is useful for _____ , for _____ , for _____ , and for _____ in _____ , so that everyone who belongs to God may be _____ , equipped for every good work (2 Timothy 3:16-17).
2. I know, O Lord, that the way of human beings is not in their _____ , that mortals as they walk cannot direct their steps (Jeremiah 10:23).
3. For _____ of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the _____ , whether good or evil (2 Corinthians 5:10).
4. And having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who _____ him (Hebrews 5:9).
5. The one who _____ and is _____ will be saved; but the one who does not believe will be condemned (Mark 16:16).
6. Peter said to them, _____ , and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your _____ may be _____ ; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:38).

我们在生活中各种事情上都须要有标准。假如我们没有标准、生活就很乱。每一个国家都有政府来管理这个国家。在学校里、校长和老师都有权力。在家中、父母亲都有权力。

在宗教世界中我们看到很多的分歧和混乱。为什么？因为人不能遵行真正信仰上的标准！其结果便产生几百个有不同教训的教会。在这个混乱可以清除之前、我们都必须按照同样的宗教信仰标准去行才可以。那么这个标准是什么呢？

圣经是 神所默示的

圣经是宗教信仰上的标准因为圣经是神所默示的。使徒保罗写信给提摩太说：『圣经都是神所默示的，于教训，督责，使人归正，教导人学义都是有益的，叫属神的人得以完全，预备行各样的善事』（提后 3:16-17）。彼得说：『...乃是人被圣灵感动，说出神的话来』（彼后 1:21）。彼得是说到写圣经的人。他们所写的是别人告诉他们该怎么写的。这个告诉他们写什么的这位便是圣灵。假如我们听从圣经、我们就听从 神。神是完美的。祂所说的都是对的。人不是完美的。他会弄错。我们不可以听从人、因为有时候他会错。因为神不会弄错、所以我们必须听从祂。这样我们就确实知道我们是对的。『...你的道就是真理』（约 17:17）。圣经是神的话语。神的话语是真理。所以、圣经包括所有的真理。

人不能定自己的路

圣经是宗教信仰上的标准、因为人不能引导自己。『耶和华啊，我晓得人的道路不由自己，行路的人也不能定自己的脚步』（耶 10:23）。在宗教方面、很多人认为他们可以自己决定什么是对的。当人试着要引导自己的路时、他就会遭遇到很大的麻烦。当他听从神时、他的情况会比较好。如果人能够定他自己的路、那神就不用将圣经赐给我们了。我们必须让圣经引导我们、以便过一个讨神喜悦的生活。

我们会依照圣经受到审判

圣经是宗教信仰上的标准因为基督再来的时候我们会按着圣经受到审判。『按着命定，人人都有一死，死后且有审判』（来 9:27）。没有人能够避免死亡。全世界的人都同意这点。人也没有办法避免审判日。又因为我们不能避免审判、我们必须准备受审判。但是我们如何准备呢？我们要听从耶稣。耶稣由神那里得到讲道理的权力。基督会用祂的话语审判我们。请听耶稣的话：『弃绝我，不领受我话的人，有审判他的。就是我所讲的道，在末日要审判他』（约 12:48）。

Every man will be judged by his own life. "...then he will repay everyone for what has been done" (Matthew 16:27). "For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil" (2 Corinthians 5:10).

THE BIBLE TELLS US WHAT TO DO TO BE SAVED

The Bible is the authority in Christianity because it tells us what to do to be saved. "For I am not ashamed of the gospel, it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who has faith, to the Jew first and also to the Greek" (Romans 1:16). "...having been perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey Him" (Hebrews 5:9). No one but Jesus can tell us what to do to be saved. What does Jesus say we must do in order to be saved? Jesus said, "The one who believes and is baptized will be saved; but the one who does not believe will be condemned" (Mark 16:16). Again we read in the book of Acts: "Peter said to them, 'Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit'" (Acts 2:38). In order to be saved, we must believe that Jesus is the Son of God and that He died so that we can have forgiveness of sins. We must repent [make up our minds to turn away from practicing sin and turn back to doing things God's way] of our sins. Then we must be baptized [briefly buried in water] for the forgiveness of our sins.

CONCLUSION

If we do not accept the Bible as the authority in Christianity, then we are not listening to God. God does not like this. God condemns those who do not listen to Him. Here is what the Bible has to say about it: "But even if we or an angel from heaven should proclaim to you a gospel contrary to what we proclaimed to you, let that one be accursed" (Galatians 1:8). If we listen to the teaching of man, we do not have God in our lives. "Everyone who does not abide in the teaching of Christ, but goes beyond it, does not have God; whoever abides in the teaching has both the Father and the Son" (2 John 9). Do you listen to the teachings of Christ or to the teachings of man?

Now you can answer the questions for lesson 2.

每一个人将按照自己的行为受到审判. 『...那时候, 他要照各人的行为报应各人』(太 16:27). 『因为我们众人必要在基督台前显露出来, 叫各人按着本身所行的, 或善或恶的受报』(林后 5:10).

圣经告诉我们做什么才可以得救

圣经是宗教信仰上的标准因为圣经告诉我们做什么才可以得救. 『我不以福音为耻. 这福音本是神的大能, 要救一切相信的, 先是犹太人, 后是希利尼人』(罗 1:16). 『他既得以完全, 就为凡顺从他的人成了永远得救的根源』(来 5:9). 除了耶稣之外没有人能够告诉我们做什么才可以得救. 耶稣说我们必须做什么才可以得救呢? 耶稣说: 『信而受洗的必然得救, 不信的必被定罪』(可 16:16). 再者、在使徒行传中我们会念到: 『彼得说, 你们各人要悔改, 奉耶稣基督的名受洗, 叫你们的罪得赦, 就必须领受所赐的圣灵』(徒 2:38). 我们必须信耶稣是神的儿子而且相信祂为了赦免我们的罪而死才可以得救. 因此、我们才可以使我们的罪得到赦免. 我们必须悔改受浸洗去我们的罪孽.

结论

如果我们不承认圣经是我们信仰上的标准、我们就不是在听从神的话. 神不喜欢这样的事. 神会咒诅不听从祂的人. 请看圣经怎么说: 『但无论是我们, 是天上来的使者, 若传福音给你们, 与我们所传给你们的不同, 他就应当被咒诅』(加 1:8). 假如我们听从人的教训、神就不在我们的生活中. 『凡越过基督的教训不常守着的, 就没有神. 常守这教训的, 就有父又有子』(约二 1:9). 您听从基督的教训或听从人的教训呢?

现在、您可以针对第二课来作答.