Can We See The Bible Alike?

Acts 8:26-30

Introduction

•Very common to hear someone say, "we just can't see the Bible alike"...

-An attempt to justify the multitude of creeds, etc that exists

-To excuse the many religious institutions that we see in the world today.

•Lesson: Is it possible for you and I to reach the same understanding as we hear, read, study the word of God?

I. Does God Want Us To See The Bible Alike?

•We are instructed to understand the word of God. (Eph. 5:17; Eph. 3:3-5) God does not instruct us to do that which is not possible.

•We are instructed to be united, not divided. (Jn. 17:20-21; I Cor. 1:10; Eph. 4:1-6)

•We are expected to obey the word of God. (Matt. 7:21; Lk. 6:46; Jn. 12:48)

•The existence of the epistles shows us that God expects us to see the Bible alike. (II Thess. 3:14; Phil. 2:12)

II. Why Do People Fail To See God's Word Alike?

•The fault lies in the hearer, not in the God's word.

- -Those who close their eyes. (Matt. 13:13-15)
- -Those who pursue their perverse passions. (Rom. 1:28)
- -Those who prefer human wisdom to divine. (Acts 17:32; I Cor. 1:26)
- -Those who are not attuned to spiritual things. (Jn. 3:3-5)

•Some had rather follow human speculation rather than Divine Revelation:

—Jn. 3:1-8.

•When did Nicodemas come to Jesus? At night. (Jn. 3:2)

•Why did Nicodemas come to Jesus at night?

–Fear?

–Work schedule? Etc.

•We can understand what God has revealed.

–Jn. 8:1-11.

•What did Jesus say to the scribes and Pharisees? He that is without sin among you...(Jn. 8:7) •What did Jesus write on the ground?

- -God is love?
- -Thou shalt not commit adultery
- -He that believeth...

•We are not told. We can "see alike" what God has reveled.

•II Cor. 12:1-10.

-How does Paul describe his affliction? Thorn in the flesh. (II Cor. 12:7)

-What was Paul's thorn in the flesh?

- •Poor eyesight?
- •Speech defect?

•Ect.?

-We can agree on what the text actually says.

III. Applications...

•Denominational names. (Lutheran, Methodist, Baptist, Pentecostal, Presbyterian, etc.

-Some one says, "we just can't see the Bible alike".

-Can we see these texts alike? (Acts 11:26; 26:28; I Pet. 4:16)

•Instrumental music in worship. (Piano, guitar, rock band, singing)

-Some one says, "we just can't see the Bible alike".

-Can these texts be seen the same? (Eph. 5:19; Col. 3:16)

•Day the Lord's Supper is to be eaten. (Fri., Sat, Does not matter, 1st day of the week)

-Some one says, "we just can't see the Bible alike".

-Can we see the following text alike? (Acts 20:7)

•Church leadership. (Pope, bishop, pastor, council, conventions, etc.)

-Again, someone says can't see Bible alike.

-Can we see these texts alike? (Acts 14:23; Phil. 1:1; Acts 20:17; I Pet. 5:1-3)

•Salvation. (Predestination, Faith only, sacraments, obedience to the gospel)

-Can't see Bible alike.

-Let's try these passages: (Mk. 16:16; Acts 2:38; I Pet. 3:21)