

## IF NOT THE BIBLE THEN WHAT??? 120

TEXT: 2 Pet. 1:1-4.

### INTRODUCTION:

- A. Today people have in general a disrespect for the word of God.
- B. By word of God I mean the Bible.
- C. I heard in a song the other day (Title too dirty to mention) say "Non't need no Bible, just look in my eyes."
- D. Many Denom. now say the Bible is not inspired.
- E. Even many Southern Baptist, a group which once upheld the inspiration of the Bible is split over inspiration.
- F. The church has always held that the Bible (N.T.) is our guide, our pattern, our rule book for living as God wants us to.
- G. Let's suppose that the Bible is not all that.(as some in church want to do) then just what should we do.

### BODY: IF NOT THE BIBLE THEN. . .

#### I. NO RELIGIOUS AUTHORITY?

A. Like in Judges 17:6.**In those days there was no king in Israel; everyone did what was right in his own eyes.**

B. Jer. 10:23.**O Lord, I know the way of man is not in himself; It is not in man who walks to direct his own steps.**

C. Notice what happens when man get totally away from God-Rom. 1:18-32.

#### II. CONSCIENCE.

A. Many today want to follow the conscience.

B. Acts 23:1 Paul.

C. Prov. 30:12 **There is a generation that is pure in its own eyes, Yet is not washed from its filthiness.**

D. Prov. 16:2. **All the ways of a man are pure in his own eyes, But the Lord weighs the spirits.**

E. Conscience is of no value unless trained properly.

F. Charles Manson is a good example (no conscience).

### III. EMOTIONAL FEELINGS.

A. Feelings are just what we think. They can be (and often are) wrong.

B. Gen. 37:31-35 . **So they took Joseph's tunic, killed a kid of the goats, and dipped the tunic in the blood. Then they sent the tunic of many colors, and they brought [it] to their father and said, "We have found this. Do you know whether it [is] your son's tunic or not?" And he recognized it and said, "It is my son's tunic. A wild beast has devoured him. Without doubt Joseph is torn to pieces." Then Jacob tore his clothes, put sackcloth on his waist, and mourned for his son many days. And all his sons and all his daughters arose to comfort him; but he refused to be comforted, and he said, "For I shall go down into the grave to my son in mourning." Thus his father wept for him.**

### IV. MAJORITY RULE.

A. Many people's morals are decided this way.

B. According to the Law a thing is porno. when most in the community. view it as such.

C. Matt. 7:13-14.

1. Majority is usually wrong.

2. Adam and Eve. 3. Flood. 4. Sodom and Gormo.

D. The Nazi's and Hitler ruled that killing Jews was right.

### V. SITUATION ETHICS.

A. Says that what is right is to be determined by the situation.

B. It might be OK to murder, commit adultery etc.

C. Prov. 14:12 **There is a way that seems right to a man, But its end is the way of death. .**

### VI. TRADITION.

A. Tradition is a good thing. (Can be a good thing).

B. But tradition can be as wrong as your grandfather (Grandmother would not let me eat fish and milk).

C. (Tradition to cut off the end of the ham. Found out from great grandmather that the ham was too big.)

D. Matt. 15:7-9.

#### VII. CHURCH LEADERS AND COUNCILS, SYNODS, ETC.

A. A lot of folks think this way.

B. But Christ must be the head of His church.

C. Eph. 1:22-23.

D. Col. 1:18.

#### VIII. PERSONAL PREFERENCE.

A. 2 Kings 5:10-12 **And Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go and wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored to you, and you shall be clean." But Naaman became furious, and went away and said, "Indeed, I said to myself, 'He will surely come out [to] [me], and stand and call on the name of the Lord his God, and wave his hand over the place, and heal the leprosy.' "Are not the Abanah and the Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them and be clean?" So he turned and went away in a rage.**

B. As varied as each person. (My preference might be to kill you).

#### IX. CREED BOOKS.

A. If more than Bible going too far, if less falls short and is taking away. If the same then we don't need it.

B. Rev. 22:18-19 1 Cor. 4:6.

#### CONCLUSION:

A. If not the Bible then what? There is no answer.

B. Notice what the Bible says about the Bible:

1. 2 Tim. 3:16-17 All Scripture [is] given by inspiration of God, and [is] profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work..
  2. 2 Pet. 1:3 as His divine power has given to us all things that [pertain] to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue,
  3. Jude 3 Beloved, while I was very diligent to write to you concerning our common salvation, I found it necessary to write to you exhorting you to contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints.
  4. Jas. 1:21 Therefore lay aside all filthiness and overflow of wickedness, and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls.
  5. Rom. 1:16-17 For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, "The just shall live by faith."
- C. Why not come today and follow the Bible. Jn. 8:32 "And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."