

Series: You Asked For It!

Title: Why Don't We Cooperate with other Churches for Worship & Ministry?

Text: (2 Cor 6:14-18)

(2 Cor 10:12) Comparisons can be Complicated, relies on perspective.

Illus: Idiot vs. Maniac

Illus: 1 minute vs. 1 hour

Comparing with Truth is true perspective.

(1 Cor 2:13) *How do you check for Spiritual Accuracy.*

Compare everything to that which you know is God's Truth. (Is 8:20)

Spiritual Comparisons can be Complicated by Preference

I. **Modernist:** *Illus:* Carpet, padded pews, projector & screen.

II. **Liberal:** Liberal = Modernist *Illus:* They are willing to give or take on what the Bible says.

a. Discounts the accuracy of creation, can marry evolution into it and its no big deal.

b. Discounts that the Bible is perfect. It's the Word of God, but not all of it is equally inspired. *Illus: He believe that the Word is not really applicable to that extent today! Standards of Separation, and Conduct. What's wrong with living together 1st, this is 2007!*

c. **Atheist** Deny's God's existence.

d. **Infidel** believes in God, but not His Word!

III. **Apostate:** A Person who deliberately rejects revealed Truth! *Illus:* My 1st wide margined bible, I don't agree with myself anymore!

a. **When the bible teaching cannot be reasoned out, they are rejected.** *Ex.* Doesn't believe that is was a fish that swallowed Jonah, or Virgin Birth, the red Sea Miracle, etc.

b. **When Bible teaching is not overall popular,** "Like all religions lead to heaven!"

IV. **Fundamentalist:** Believes that certain doctrines of the Bible are "Fundamental" to the faith. *Illus:* Non-negotables!

a. *Illus: A car won't work without a battery, gas, engine, wheels. These are fundamental. Air conditioning is not!*

V. **The Virgin Birth:** Is 7:14 "What's the big Deal?" Rom 5:12 If Jesus was a sinner, He couldn't have died for us! Rom 5:19

VI. **The Resurrection of Christ:** 1 Cor 15:17

a. **Bodily Resurrection:** Rom 8:11, Jn 2: 18-22

VII. **Inspiration of the Scriptures:**

a. **Exalted above His name.** Ps 138:2

b. **Final Authority:** Is 8:20

c. **The words: Deut 6:6** *Verbal inspiration*

d. **Plenary Inspiration:** All inspired Equally. 2 tim 3:16

e. **Preserved:** Ps12:6-7; Is 40:8

VIII. **The Blood for Salvation:** Heb 9:22 No Remission of sins.

IX. **Calvinist/Reformed Theology:** (Jn 12:32) draw all men

X. **Salvation by Grace through Faith:** Eph 2:8-9 No Works!

XI. **2nd Coming of Christ!** (1 Thes 5:3)

XII. **These are Fundamental:** W/o them you are not saved

a. (Jn 8:21, 24) *Illus: Which Jesus? Mormon, JW*

b. *Illus: How many young ladies have gotten pregnant out of wedlock and born a HESUS?*

c. *Jews: Bastard son of a roman soldier who raped Mary.*

d. *Islam: Prophet/Teacher-nothing more.*

e. *Atheist: Political opportunist who followers forsook and he was assassinated by Rome by a Jewish conspiracy, kept alive through brainwashing fanatics.*

f. *Budism: Great Teacher, Possible manifestation of reincarnated Budda. Which Jesus do you believe in?*

XIII. **Why we cannot co-labor: (2 Cor 6:14)**

Fellowship: *Companion, in close association, common interests*

Communion: *Sharing, equal participation*

Concord: *Peace, no amity*

Part: *A portion of the whole*

Agreement: *Harmony*

- a. **Godly Love is Obedience to Christ:** Not in drawing a crowd.
(Jn 14:15, Jn 15:10)

A ***Principle*** is a Bible truth I must live by.

A ***Conviction*** is a personal belief based on a ***Bible Principle***.

A ***Standard*** is a guideline that helps me keep my ***Convictions***.

Websters ~ That which is established as a rule or mode

- b. **Compromisers Who disobey the Bible are asking others to disobey and cause division:**
- c. **(Rom 16:17)** “*Now I beseech [beg] you, brethren [saved people], mark them which cause divisions*” ***This is where we get labeled as hard shell, narrow minded, legalists.*** Paul named names: (1Tim1:19-20; 2 Tim4:14)
- d. **Now Finish the Verse!** “*mark them, [expose them for what they are] which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine [bible teaching] which ye have learned and avoid them [stay away from][don't co-laborate]*
- e. **Some people Do get saved through these ministries:** Doesn't excuse the Disobedience! ROM 3:8?
- f. **Gal 4:16** *Am I therefore become your ENEMY, because I tell you the truth?*
- g. *Illus:* Some of my family & friends fall into this category!
- h. **Well they just don't know the truth, WRONG!** At Worst They're *Wolves in Sheep's Clothing*. Mat 7:15-16
- i. At Best they allow a 2ndary benefit to trump the Word.
- j. **Col 2:8** Mixing this in to be palatable to a larger audience, larger crowds=More book sales, Internet hits! \$\$\$\$.
- k. **They have the same truth I do, they choose not to follow:**
Illus: How many of us live everything we know? Is it a lack of knowledge? Or a Choice?
- l. **What will Christianity be like in 20 yrs?** Our grandparents would be embarrassed by it today!

XIV. **We are to Contend for the Faith:** Jude 3, 1 Pet 3:15

Amos 3:3; 2 Cor 6:14-18 Be not yoked, Come out from among them!