

The Prattmont Church of Christ is just what the name suggests, a church that belongs to Christ. We are not a denomination; we are simply a group of Christians trying very hard to practice the teachings of our Head, Jesus Christ. The New Testament offers a complete pattern for what each local church should be like—its organization, its worship, its work, etc. We are committed to following that pattern. We cordially invite you to attend our services. We would also welcome any comments or questions about this bulletin.

TIMES OF SERVICES:

Sunday

Bible Study 9:00 A.M.
 Worship 10:00 A.M.
 Training Class 5:00 P.M.
 Worship 6:00 P.M.

Wednesday:

Bible Study 7:00 P.M.



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1 Preacher, 10 Different Doctrines

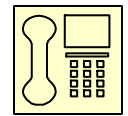
adapted from an article by Jim Sasser

Imagine a preacher who preaches ten different sermons. In the first sermon he teaches that salvation is by faith only, but in the next sermon he teaches that faith without works is dead, that in order for faith to save, it must be coupled with obedience. In the third sermon he teaches that sprinkling, pouring, or immersion is baptism; but in the fourth he plainly shows that immersion only is scriptural baptism. In the fifth sermon he tells the people that they ought to baptize their babies, but in the sixth he says that penitent believers are the only scriptural subjects for baptism. In the seventh sermon he preaches “once saved, always saved”; but in the eighth he tells the people (continued)

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that they can be lost through unbelief after they have been saved.

In the ninth sermon he says that it is all right to have a human creed, but in the tenth he declares that we should take the Bible as our only guide in religion.

Now, no thoughtful person would continue to listen to ONE preacher like that, but the majority of people would be perfectly willing to hear TEN preachers preach these conflicting ideas.

They agree that if ONE man should preach that way he would contradict himself and be inconsistent; but what kind of a God do they suppose we have, if he endorses all these conflicting doctrines and has sent out preachers to preach them? He **hasn't**. It does make a **difference** what we believe and preach! (Matthew 15:7-9; Galatians 1:6-9; 2 Thessalonians 2:9-12; 2 John 1:9-11).

Give Me The Truth

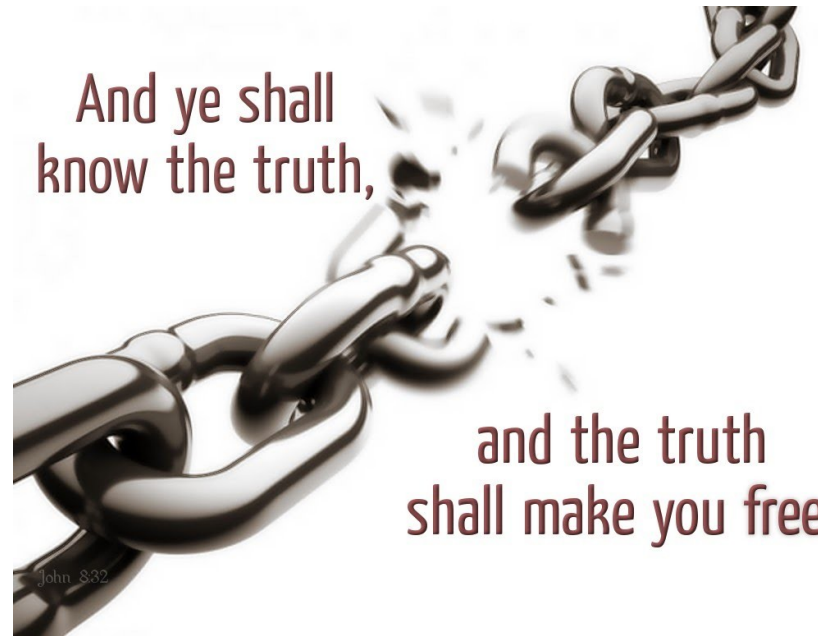
by Bill Crews

“If you’re my friend, if you’re concerned for my soul, **give me the truth**. Do not flatter me; do not praise my virtues, while remaining silent about my vices. Do not fear the truth will offend me; do not treasure our friendship, our friendly relations, above my salvation. Do not think that

by ignoring my sins, you can help me. Do not think that being blind to my sins will prove you charitable. However I may react to it, whatever may be my attitude toward you after you’ve done it, **give me the truth**. For the truth, and only the truth, can make me free from the shackles of sin, strengthen me in the pathways of righteousness, and lead me to the joys of heaven. If I am wavering, weak, lukewarm, indifferent, neglectful, if I am overtaken in a trespass, if I have been drawn into the pleasures of the world, if I have left my first love, if I have been led astray by error, or if I have done none of these things, but simply need to grow in knowledge and be edified, **give me the truth.**”

And ye shall
know the truth,

and the truth
shall make you free.



John 8:32