

God Spoke...
Men Wrote...
We Read

No longer a mystery (Ep.3:4)

God (revealed)



Paul (wrote)



Ac.2:37...

Reader (hearer)

2 Pt.3:16

I. Respect For Authority

2 Kings 22:...19, Josiah

Tender heart

- What is it?

Soft, *contrite* in mind.

Dt.20:3, timid at prospect of battle.

Prov.30:6

Unconditional surrender

- What is it? {Mt.26:39}

Jer.10:23

- Only two choices...

Lk.5:...4-5

- Fisherman
- Daylight
- Unsuccessful night

“At Your word,
we will”

Peter gave no thanks
for catching so many fish

Dumb fish were preaching
Christ

Lk.6:...46-49

- Lk.6:46, profession without practice...
- Illustration: Mk.14:45, Judas: 'Rabbi'; kiss
- Illustrations: Lk.6:47...

48: builder: foundation on rock

49: builder: no foundation, ruin

- Illustration of what? Proper hearing...

Jn.2:5

- “Whatever He says to you, do it”

“However strange the act may seem to you, foolish even to your wise eyes, useless, trivial, whatever it proves to be – do it!”

- Carry *water* to master of feast?

Jn.7:17

- A promise to one who wants to do His will.

Jn.8:31

- Conditional: abide in My word . . .

¹true disciples

²know truth

³made free

Jn.15:14, My friends...

Ja.2:23, Abraham...

Gal.1:6-9

- Not even Paul or angel could change gospel.
- *But OT came from God; why not follow it?*

Ro.15:4, learn from it...

Gal.3:23-25

Col.3:17

- “‘In the name’ means ... ‘in vital relation with him,’ that is, in harmony with his revealed will, in subjection to his authority, in dependence on his power” – (H)
- “‘To do all things in the name of the Lord Jesus’ means ‘in connection w. the revelation of the Lord Jesus’” – (L)

2 Jn.9

- To 'progress' beyond the teaching of Christ is to go without God.

“The doctrine which is Christ’s’ is the norm of all true thought and doctrine. Every development beyond that is a leap into the darkness. Every supposed *progress*, outside the limit, is rather a retrocession, a feeble restlessness which will not allow the soul to ‘abide,’ a ceasing to ‘hold God fast... One step outside the circle of the Truth is ruin and sin and death’” – Alexander.

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II. Read For Accuracy

Bible teaches same way as other documents

“To express one thing is to exclude another”

- Command / statement. 1 Co.11:24
- Approved example. Ac.20:7

1 Co.11
Lord: do this
[to apostles]

1 Co.11:23f
example
teaches Cor.

1 Co.11
example
teaches us

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- Forced conclusion. Ac.20:7. Ex.20:8

What about 1 Co.2:14?

“Without direct influence of HS (enlightenment) we cannot grasp message of gospel” (???)

- Wrong: it’s “foolishness to him”

1 Co.3:19

God cannot grasp
world’s wisdom??

1 Co.1:20

Evaluation of
world’s wisdom

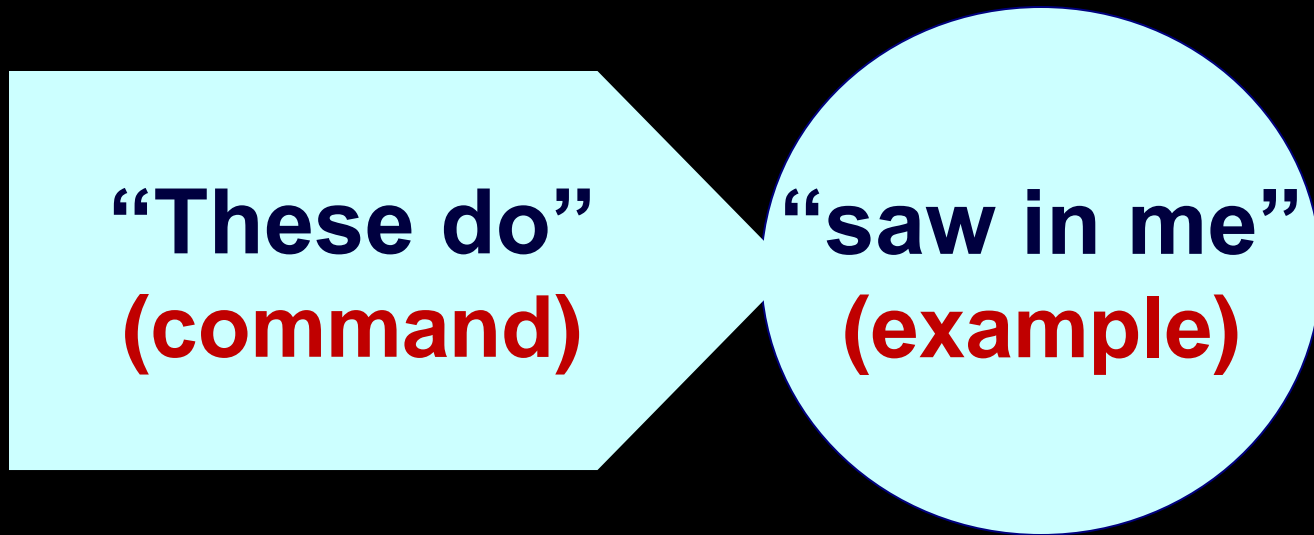
- Problem not brain, but belief (“foolishness”)
- If he can’t understand, why try to teach?

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III. Respond For Application

Phil.4:9, 'saw' ... 'do'



A command to practice examples

Summary of church trends (1800s)

1. Reflection on wisdom of God, church, Bible.
2. Motive matters, not exact obedience.
Ac.26:9
3. Emphasis on philosophy, not Scripture.
Col.2:8
4. Abandonment of plan of salvation.
5. Fellowship with sects