

THE WORLD IS FULL OF PEOPLE WHO WILL TELL YOU THAT YOU DON'T NEED TO ACCEPT THE BIBLE FACTS IN ORDER TO BE SAVED. * BUT THEY DIDN'T GET THAT VIEW FROM THE BIBLE! THE BIBLE YOU NEED TO LOVE IS **WE JUST** WE NEED DECIDE FOR WASN'T MORE NEED THE "FAITH." MEANT TO BE YOURSELF WHAT IMPORTANT "POSITIVE" NOT TREATED AS A YOU WANT TO THAN DOCTRINE! THINGS! FACT BOOK! BELIEVE! DOCTRINE! TO BE RELEVANT IN THE BIBLE HAS THE BIBLE ISN'T A TEXT "FVOLVED" DOWN **BOOK ABOUT SCIENCE, SO** TODAY'S SOCIETY, WE THROUGH THE AGES! YOU CAN IGNORE WHAT IT NEED TO MAKE IT'S BEEN REVISED SAYS ABOUT CREATION AND ADJUSTMENTS TO WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS! MANY TIMES! HUMAN NATURE! THE WRITERS' VIEWS YOU CAN'T THE BIBLE GIVES **ALL FAITHS** WERE INFLUENCED KNOW WHAT US INSPIRATIONAL HAVE 'INSPIRED" BY THE SOCIETY THE AUTHORS STORIES, NOT HISTORY LESSONS! WHERE THEY LIVED! REALLY MEANT! WRITINGS! IN EVERY CASE, IT COMES BACK TO THE SAME ISSUE:

THEY DIDN'T GET THAT VIEW FROM THE BIBLE!

... there will be false teachers among you. They will secretly introduce destructive heresies, ...
2 Peter 2:1b (NIV)

"... they replace God's commands with their own man-made teachings."

Mark 7:7b (NIT), a quote from Isaiah 29:13.

Jesus replied, "Your problem is that you don't know the Scriptures, and you don't know the power of God.

Matthew 22:29 (NIT)

Thus you nullify the word of God for the sake of your tradition.

Matthew 15:6b (NIV)

... and you pervert the words of the living God, the LORD of Armies, our God.

Jeremiah 23:36b (CSB)

YOUR VIEW OF THE

GOOD NEWS FACTS

FICTION?

PEOPLE'S
OPINIONS?

PROPINIONS?

INFLUENCED BY
SOCIETY?
SOCIETY?
SUPERSTITION?

"How can I know what the Bible says?

Even churches can't agree about it!"

The problem is not the Word of God but the people.

NEVER does Scripture place the blame on the Word of God.

There are many reasons for this problem. (Some examples...)

Different levels of spiritual growth; new-born vs. mature followers.

Paying more attention to people's teachings, than to the Bible.

False teachers promoting the world's views; apostate "churches."

Different worship preferences; cultural and historic backgrounds.

Misunderstandings; over-emphasis on some matters, to the neglect of others.

Also, the effects of sin are not yet totally removed from any of us.

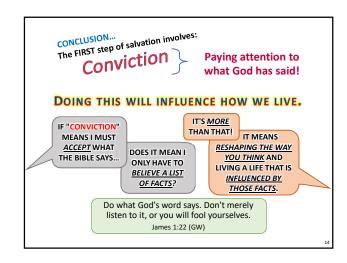


At the Day of Judgment, we will not be responsible for the viewpoints and differences of others, whether they be right or wrong. We will be held accountable for <u>our</u> response to Scripture.

We don't need to have "100% perfect" knowledge of the truth. But we need to be pursuing it.

There is a huge - eternally significant - difference between:

- ✓ A PERSON WHO has mistaken views, but is eagerly learning from Scripture and willing to change – to accept and obey what it says...
 >> AND <<</p>
- ✓ A PERSON WHO knows what the Bible says and <u>chooses to not</u> <u>accept it</u> (whether this involves denying or distorting it).



CONVICTION LIVING ACCORDING WILL LEAD US TOWARD OF THE FACTS TO THE FACTS. • Some facts may influence our <u>perceptions of reality</u>. • Some facts may influence our values. • Some facts imply commands that influence our conduct. **SCRIPTURE** .. the holy Scriptures, which are able to make you ISN'T JUST FOR wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. "SALVATION"... All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for ... IT'S FOR teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be "LIVING." thoroughly equipped for every good work. 2 Tim. 3:15b-17 (NIV)

To "ACCEPT" THE BIBLE IMPLIES A WILLINGNESS TO "OBEY" IT.

* Otherwise, you're still a slave to sin. *

So Jesus said ... "If you live by what I say, you are truly my disciples. You will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

John 8:31-32 (GW)

IF: You reach this point of ACCEPTING what the Bible says... not just knowing the truth, but willing to live by it...

THEN: You're on your way to the second step of salvation:

CHANGE!

(God willing, this will be our next focus.)

This week's Regarding: #1 Conviction **CONSIDER** Jesus' words. Have you reached this point? "Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. Or are you like this? But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash." Matthew 7:24-27 (NIV)

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