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It is a group of Christians that claim no human denominational affiliation — just Christians working and worshipping together at the Lord's word teaches.

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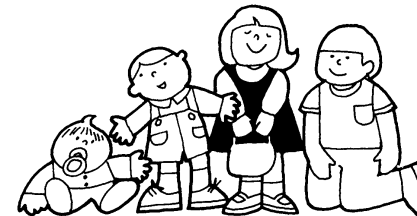
Your Children are Valuable!

“Lo, children are a heritage of Jehovah; And the fruit of the womb is his reward. As arrows in the hand of a mighty man, So are the children of youth. Happy is the man that hath his quiver full of them: They shall not be put to shame, When they speak with their enemies in the gate” (Psalm 127:3-5).



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Can I Prove it is Wrong and Sinful?

It is said that God does not obligate us to prove what is wrong; he obligates us to prove what is right. “I do not look for prohibition; I look for permission,” say some. I believe the Bible requires us not only to prove what is right – but to reprove what is wrong and sinful.

Sin is a transgression of law (1 John 3:4). Vine says transgression means, “to go aside” or to “go beyond.” All who go beyond the doctrine of Christ, for religious teaching and practice, have to be guilty of transgression – sin (2 John 9). Since transgression of law is sinful and since going beyond the doctrine of Christ is transgression, religious teachings and practices not found in the doctrine of Christ are sinful.

The doctrine of Christ cannot be limited to only the teaching about Jesus. Caiaphas, the high priest, understood the teaching (doctrine, KJV) of Christ shown by when he asked Jesus “of his disciples, and of his teaching” (John 18:19). The teaching of Christ was his personal teaching, just as the disciples were his personal followers. To act without authority from Christ’s teaching is sinful because John said it is transgression, which he defined as sin.

The teaching of Christ prohibits sinful transgression. Jesus is our example. When he accused the Pharisees of “transgressing the commandment of God” (Matt. 15:3) he was not proving what was right; he was reproofing what was sinful and wrong. He proved it was wrong to make hand washing a ritual of religion. We’d be well served to follow his example.

The faithful Christian is to “have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them” (Eph. 5:11). The prohibited fellowship is with sinful doctrines and practices. To **reprove** unfruitful works of darkness is **proving** what is sinful and wrong.

Elders are shepherds of the flock (local church of Christ) over which the Holy Spirit made them overseers (Acts 20:28; 1 Pet. 5:2-3). A novice cannot be a qualified shepherd (1 Tim. 3:6). A shepherd must be mature and able to prove what is right as well as to prove what is wrong and sinful (Titus 1:9). To qualify as a functioning elder a man must hold “to the faithful word which is according to the teaching, that he may be able to exhort in the sound doctrine, and to convict the gainsayers.” In short, he must reprove what is sinful and wrong by his knowledge of the doctrine of Christ.

There is an old maxim that says, “The specification of one action is the exclusion of another.” The New Testament specifies singing as the kind of music offered in worship to God. There are other kinds of music but they are not mentioned in the New Testament in connection with worship. Is another kind of music in worship included in the teaching of Christ, or does one go beyond the teaching to find it? Going beyond the

teaching of Christ is transgression of Christ’s law and John said that is sin. Dear friend if another kind of music than singing in worship is not included, by the very nature of language, it is excluded.

Based on these thoughts, I confess that I look for permission and prohibition. I intend to prove all things and hold fast to what is good and abstain from every form of evil (1 Thess. 5:21-22).

Genesis 37:31-35 and Gen. 45:26

“And they took Joseph’s coat, and killed a he-goat, and dipped the coat in the blood; and they sent the coat of many colors, and they brought it to their father, and said, This have we found: know now whether it is thy son’s coat or not. And he knew it, and said, It is my son’s coat: an evil beast hath devoured him; Joseph is without doubt torn in pieces. And Jacob rent his garments, and put sackcloth upon his loins, and mourned for his son many days. And all his sons and all his daughters rose up to comfort him; but he refused to be comforted; and he said, For I will go down to Sheol to my son mourning. And his father wept for him.” — “And they told him, saying, Joseph is yet alive, and he is ruler over all the land of Egypt. And his heart fainted, for he believed them not.”



The great story of Joseph being sold into slavery will help us understand how our feelings about life are not always reliable. When a bloody coat of many colors was presented to Jacob, he knew in his heart his son was dead. The coat was the evidence. He had it specially made for his own son. There is no question that he felt Joseph had died a horrible death. But were his feelings right?

When the truth was finally given to Jacob he didn’t believe it. He was told Joseph was alive and was a high official in the greatest nation on earth, but he didn’t believe it. It is a tragic truth that often we will believe a false report on what appears to be right but when told the truth we are reluctant to accept it. Jacob is a case in point where believing a false report outweighs the truth.



An angel spoke to Mary Magdalene, Joanna, and Mary the mother of James with some other women to tell them Jesus was risen from the dead. They hurried to the apostles and told them the message. The apostles, at first, didn’t believe it. Luke tells us that to the apostles, “these words appeared in their sight as idle talk; and they disbelieved them” (Luke 24:11).

The lesson from these Bible principles is that the evidence presented to us needs always to be examined. Be like the noble Bereans who, “received the word with all readiness of the mind, examining the Scriptures daily,” whether what they heard proclaimed was true or not (Acts 17:11).