

Book, Chapter and Verse



Does Anyone Believe That Stuff?

- Unfortunately, people do! Not only do people believe it, they are basing their religious practices on this MAN.
 - “I’m not a practicing Catholic, but if the new ‘pope’ makes some good changes, I’ll be more than happy to practice it again.” – More modern, more up to date, getting in touch with the younger generation.
 - “I’m interested to see whether the new ‘pope’ will reach out and include women in more of a prominent role.”
- These quotes indicate that religion “CHANGES”. These quotes indicate that doctrine is not in stone. These quotes indicate everything that is wrong with religion.

What's Wrong? It Disrespects The Authority Of Christ!

- Matt 28:18 – “All Authority”
- I Cor. 15:25-27 – “All things”
- Heb. 2:8 – “Everything”

Fair Questions Get Raised

- What about the apostles? If Christ has all authority, why would the Bible use these phrases?
 - “devoted themselves to the apostles teaching” – Acts 2:42
 - “whatever you bind...whatever you loose” – Matt. 16:19
- What about local elders? If Christ has all authority, why would the Bible use these phrases?
 - “obey your leaders and submit to them” – Heb. 13:17
 - “shepherd the flock of God among you” – I Pet. 5:2

Concerning The Apostles

- Their inspiration would glorify Jesus.
- “Take what is mine and declare it to you”
 - The apostles inspiration was NEVER to detract from the authority of Christ. It would only help to glorify and exalt the authority of Christ.

Concerning The Elders

- “As God would have you” – I Pet. 5:2
- “The Chief Shepherd” – I Pet. 5:4
 - The elders have zero authority unless they acting within the authority of Jesus Christ.
 - The same can be said of the apostles. They have zero authority unless they are acting within the authority of Jesus Christ.

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- This is an attitude!
- This attitude glorifies Jesus. – I Pet. 4:11
- Christ's authority should be respected in every day living!
 - Luke 6:46 – "Why do you call Me 'Lord, Lord', and not do what I tell you?"