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What Does God's Word Say About...

Latter Day Revelations From God

Many false teachers today will say that God has revealed over time many things that are not in the Bible. They say that the Bible is not complete, that God still reveals His will to people today in various ways. The apostle John wrote "Anyone who goes too far and does not abide in the teaching of Christ does not have God; the one who abides in the teaching, he has both the Father and the Son. If anyone comes to you and does not bring you this teaching, do not receive him into your house... for the one who gives him a greeting participates in his evil deeds," (2 John 1:9-11). "The gospel is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes..." (Romans 1:16). This gospel was "built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone," (Eph. 2:20).

Nearly all the denominations that began since the 1800's have as a basis a "latter-day revelation." That is, some religious leaders have claimed to have a direct communication from God revealing a new system of religion. But the Bible says, "God is not a God of confusion, but peace," (1 Cor. 14:33). We know that all of these new religions cannot be from God, for they contradict one another in many different ways. God has always wanted His people to "be of the same mind and of the same judgment," and He exhorts us, "Let there be no divisions among you," (1 Cor. 1:10).

We do not need to concern ourselves over which one of these "latter-day revelations" is right, because the Bible shows them all to be false. "All scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work," (2 Tim. 3:16-17).

If someone comes to you with a "new teaching" that they claim has not been revealed in the New Testament, the response to them should be "I am amazed that you are so quickly deserting Him who called you by the grace of Christ, for a different gospel; which is really not another; only there are some who are disturbing you and want to distort the gospel of Christ. But even if we, or an angel from heaven, should preach to you a gospel contrary to what we [apostles] have preached to you, he is to be accursed!" (Gal. 1:6-8). If a revelation had not been written in the days of the apostles, (Eph.3: 3-5) any other revelation would be counterfeit! Paul wrote, "For I would have you know, brethren, that the gospel which was preached by me is not according to man. For I neither received it from man, nor was I taught it, but I received it through a revelation of Jesus Christ," (Gal. 1:11-12).

Our plea is simple. When the Bible is our only guide and authority, we will all be one in Christ (John 17:20-21).

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