

THINGS THAT ARE RIGHT
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- **The Problem With Postmodernism** (truth relative, subjective, irrelevant)
- **The Need To Establish What Is Right** (Prov. 14:12; 23:23; Jer. 10:23; 6:16)
- **The Need To Follow What Is Right** (Ezek. 18:21-27; Rom. 6:12-18)

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Psalm 19:7–11 (NKJV)

⁷ The law of the Lord *is* perfect, converting the soul; The testimony of the Lord *is* sure, making wise the simple; ⁸ The statutes of the Lord *are* right, rejoicing the heart; The commandment of the Lord *is* pure, enlightening the eyes; ⁹ The fear of the Lord *is* clean, enduring forever; The judgments of the Lord *are* true *and* righteous altogether. ¹⁰ More to be desired *are they* than gold, Yea, than much fine gold; Sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb. ¹¹ Moreover by them Your servant is warned, *And* in keeping them *there is* great reward.

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2 Timothy 3:16–17 (NKJV)

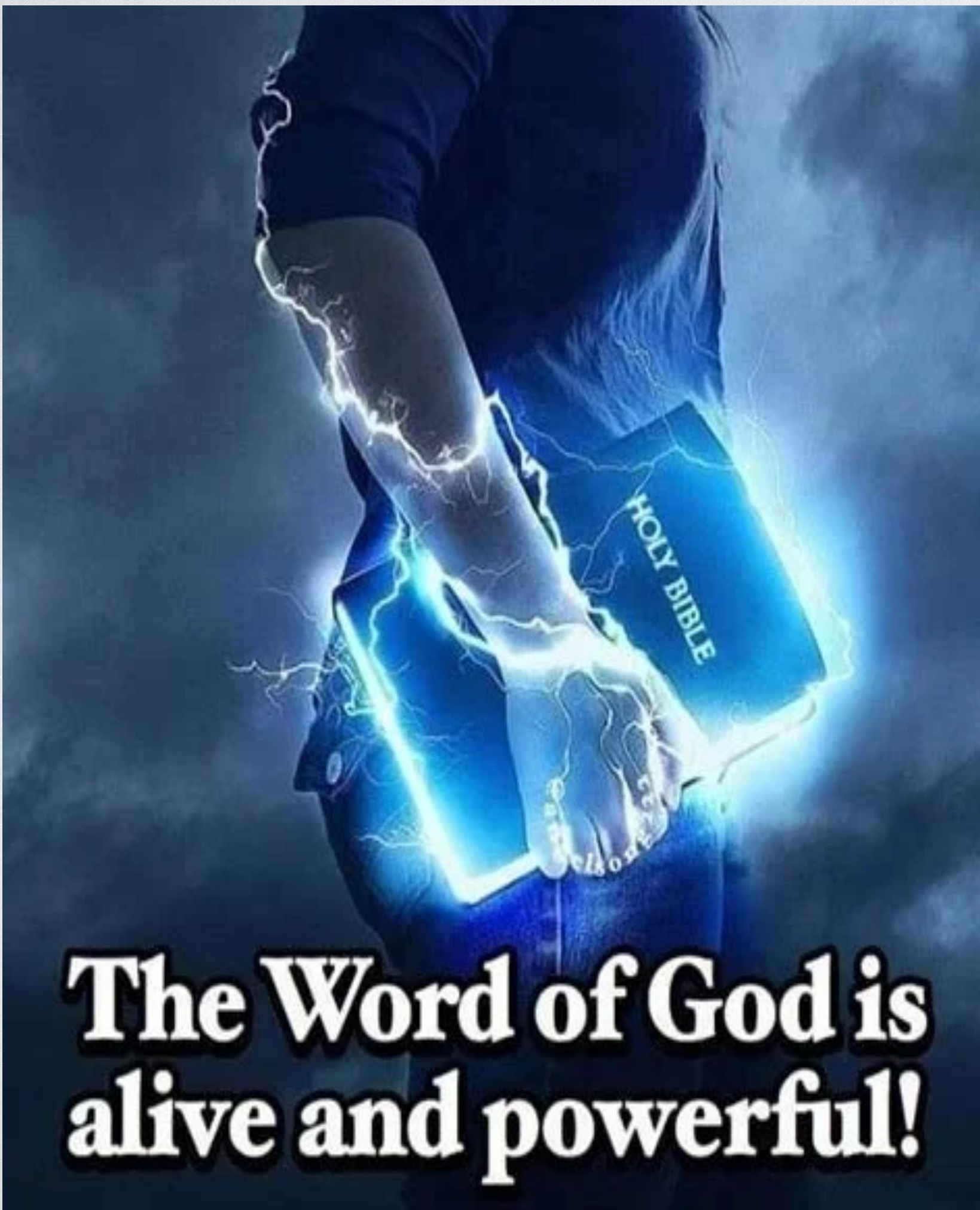
¹⁶ All Scripture *is* given by inspiration of God, and *is* profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, ¹⁷ that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.



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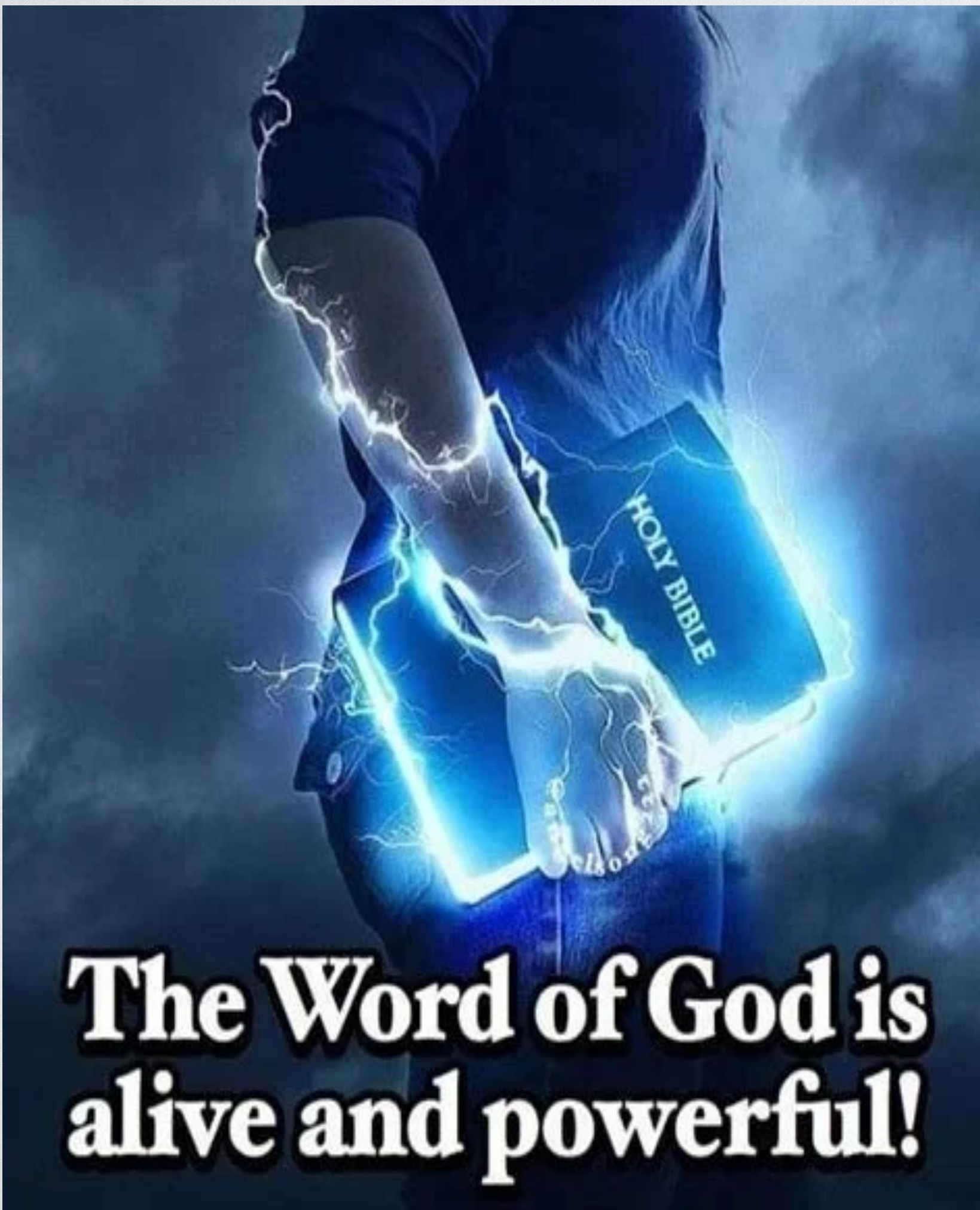


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- ▶ **The word of God** (1 Cor. 2:10-13; Eph. 3:1-6; 1 Pet. 1:12; 2 Pet. 1:19-21)
- ▶ **Is the TRUTH, the whole truth** (John 16:13; 17:17; Rom. 3:4; Psalm 119:160)
- ▶ **All sufficient** (2 Tim. 3:16,17; James 1:25; 2 Pet. 1:3; Gal. 1:6-9)

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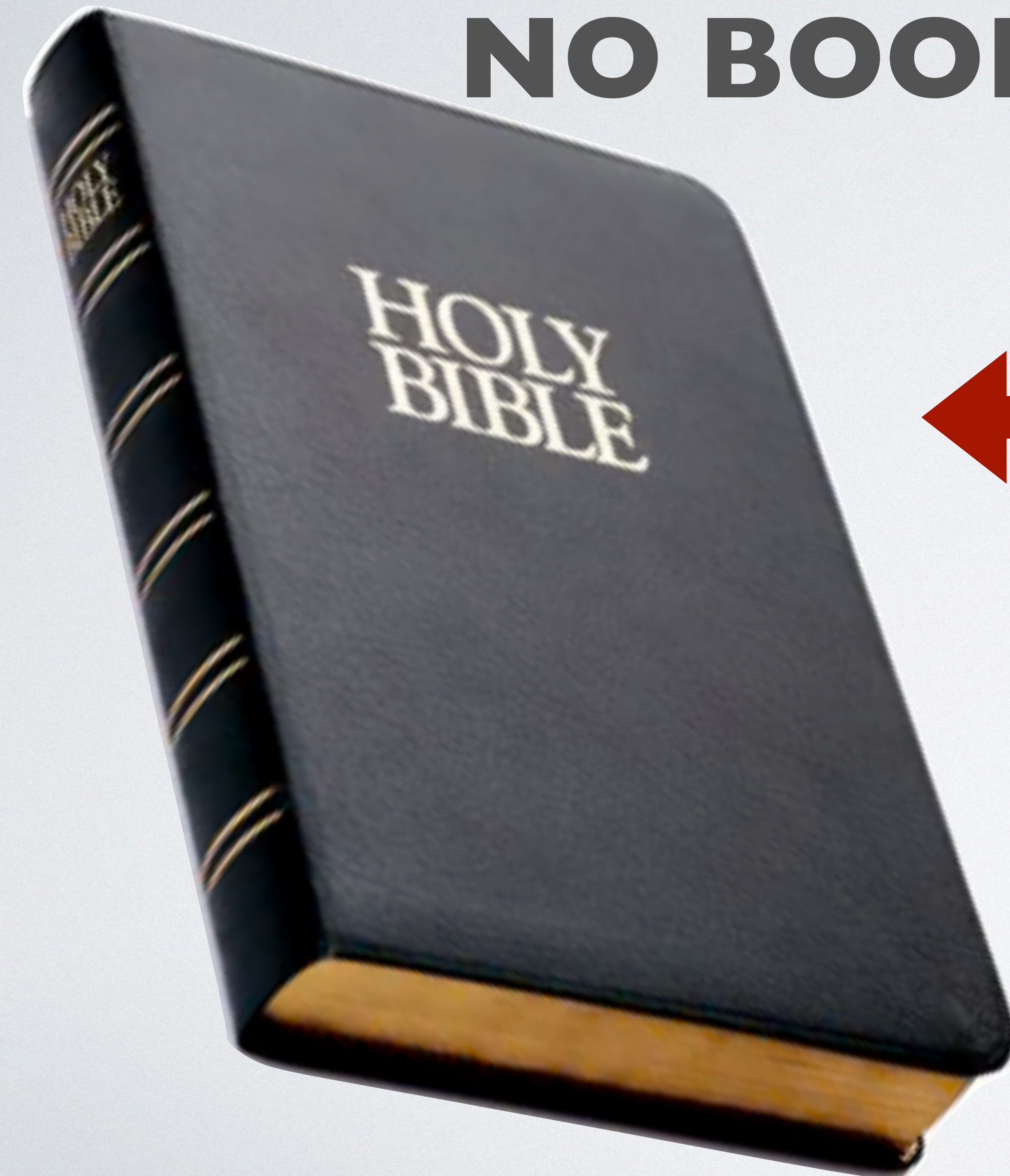


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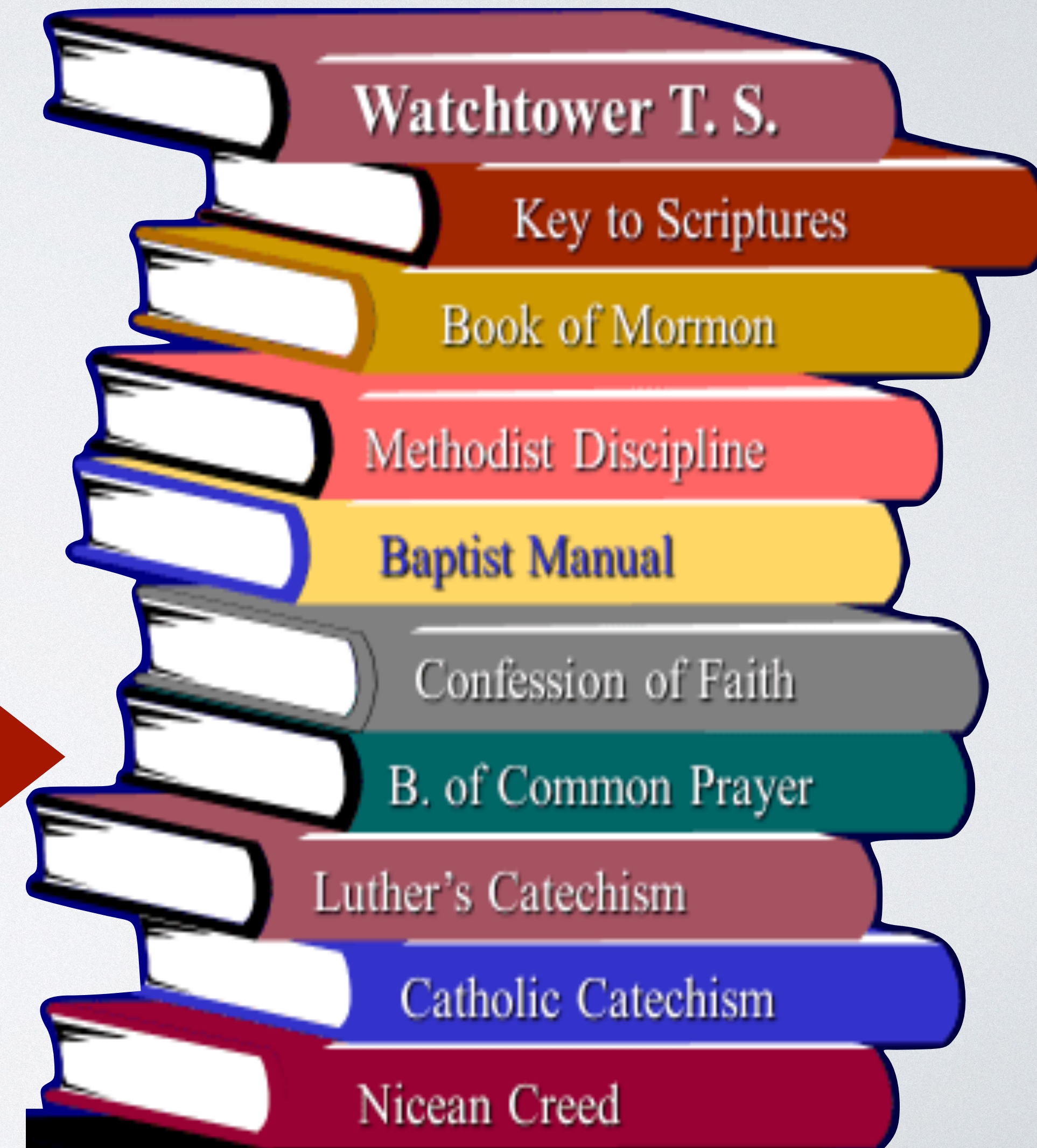
- ▶ **Produces Faith**
(Rom 10:17; John 20:30,31; Acts 15:7)
- ▶ **Makes wise unto salvation**
(2 Tim 3:15,16; James 1:21; Rom 1:16)
- ▶ **Causes spiritual birth**
(James 1:18; 1 Cor. 4:15; 1 Pet. 1:22,23)
- ▶ **Converts, sanctifies & purifies the soul**
(Ps 19:7; Jn 17:17; 8:32; 1 Pt 1:22; Ep 5:26)
- ▶ **Able to build us up and give an inheritance** (Acts 20:32)

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**GOD
SAYS**
— vs —
**MAN
SAYS**



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1. Luke 8:11; Rom. 10:17
2. John 8:24; Heb 11:6
3. Luke 13:3,5; Acts 17:30
4. Mat. 10:32,33; Rom 10:9
5. Acts 2:38; 1 Pet 3:21
6. Growth & Perseverance (2 Pet 1:5-10; 1 Cor. 15:58; Heb 3,4)



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- * This is the TRUTH!
- * These steps, when truly experienced, result in CONVERSION
- * The danger of trivializing
- * The need to understand!



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And having been perfected,
He became the author of
eternal salvation to all who
obey Him, - Heb 5:9 (NKJV)

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1 Peter 3:21 (NKJV)

²¹ There is also an antitype which now saves us—baptism (not the removal of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God), through the resurrection of Jesus Christ,

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What Baptists Believe And Why They Believe It, J. G. Bow, pp. 36-37:

Mark 16:16 (NKJV)

¹⁶ He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned.

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Acts 2:38 (NKJV)

³⁸ Then Peter said to them, “Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

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Acts 22:16 (NKJV)

¹⁶ And now why are you waiting? Arise and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on the name of the Lord.’

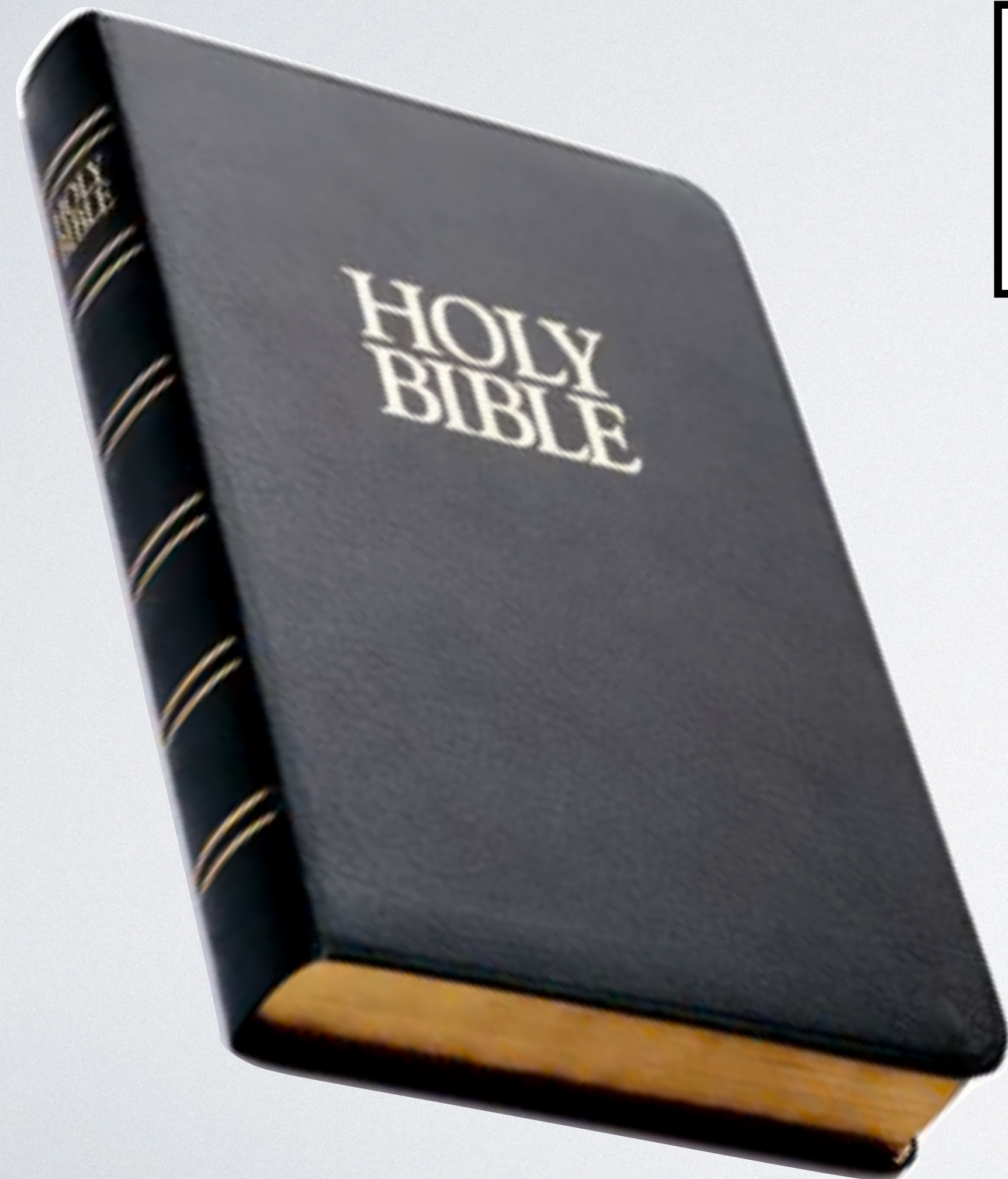
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THE DESIGNATION “CHRISTIAN



▶ **A new name would be given to God's people (Isaiah 62:1,2)**

Isaiah 62:1–2 (NKJV)

¹ For Zion's sake I will not hold My peace, And for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, Until her righteousness goes forth as brightness, And her salvation as a lamp *that* burns. ² The Gentiles shall see your righteousness, And all kings your glory. You shall be called by a new name, Which the mouth of the Lord will name.

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THE DESIGNATION “CHRISTIAN

► **Called Christians** (Christ followers)
(Acts 11:26; Acts 26:28; 1 Pet 4:16)

Acts 11:26 (NKJV)

²⁶ And when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. So it was that for a whole year they assembled with the church and taught a great many people. And the disciples were first called Christians in Antioch.



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- ▶ A new name would be given to God's people (Isaiah 62:1,2)
- ▶ Called Christians (Christ followers) (Acts 11:26; Acts 26:28; 1 Pet 4:16)
- ▶ **Denominational labels reflect division, and exalt the teachings of men rather than the truth of God (1 Cor. 1:10-13; Mat. 15:7-9)**

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The Lord's church / A church of Christ



“... just as the church is subject to Christ” (Ephesians 5:24)

- ▶ “Built by Jesus” (Matt. 16:18)
- ▶ “Jesus head of the BODY, the CHURCH” (Col. 1:18; Eph. 1:22-23)
- ▶ “Only One” (Eph. 4:4)
- ▶ The Saved (Acts 2:47; Eph 5:23-27)
- ▶ No earthly organization (Ep. 2:19-22; 1 Pet. 2:25)
- ▶ Those who have obeyed the gospel (Acts 2:38-47)

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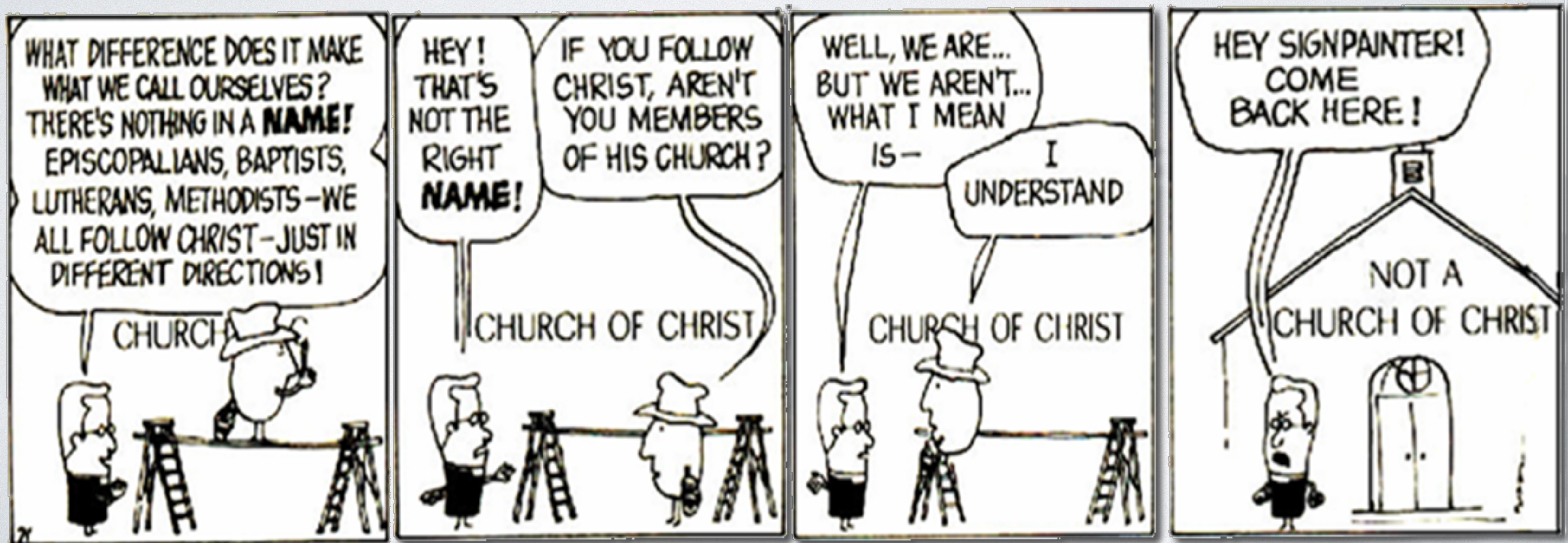
- ▶ Local Christians who join together in fellowship and follow apostles teaching (Acts 2:38-42; 9:26).
- ▶ Who worship in truth in a common assembly (1 Cor. 11:18)
- ▶ Who work out of a common treasury (1 Cor. 16:1-3)
- ▶ Who submit to a common scriptural oversight (Acts 14:23; 20:28; Phili. 1:1; 1 Tim. 3:1-13)

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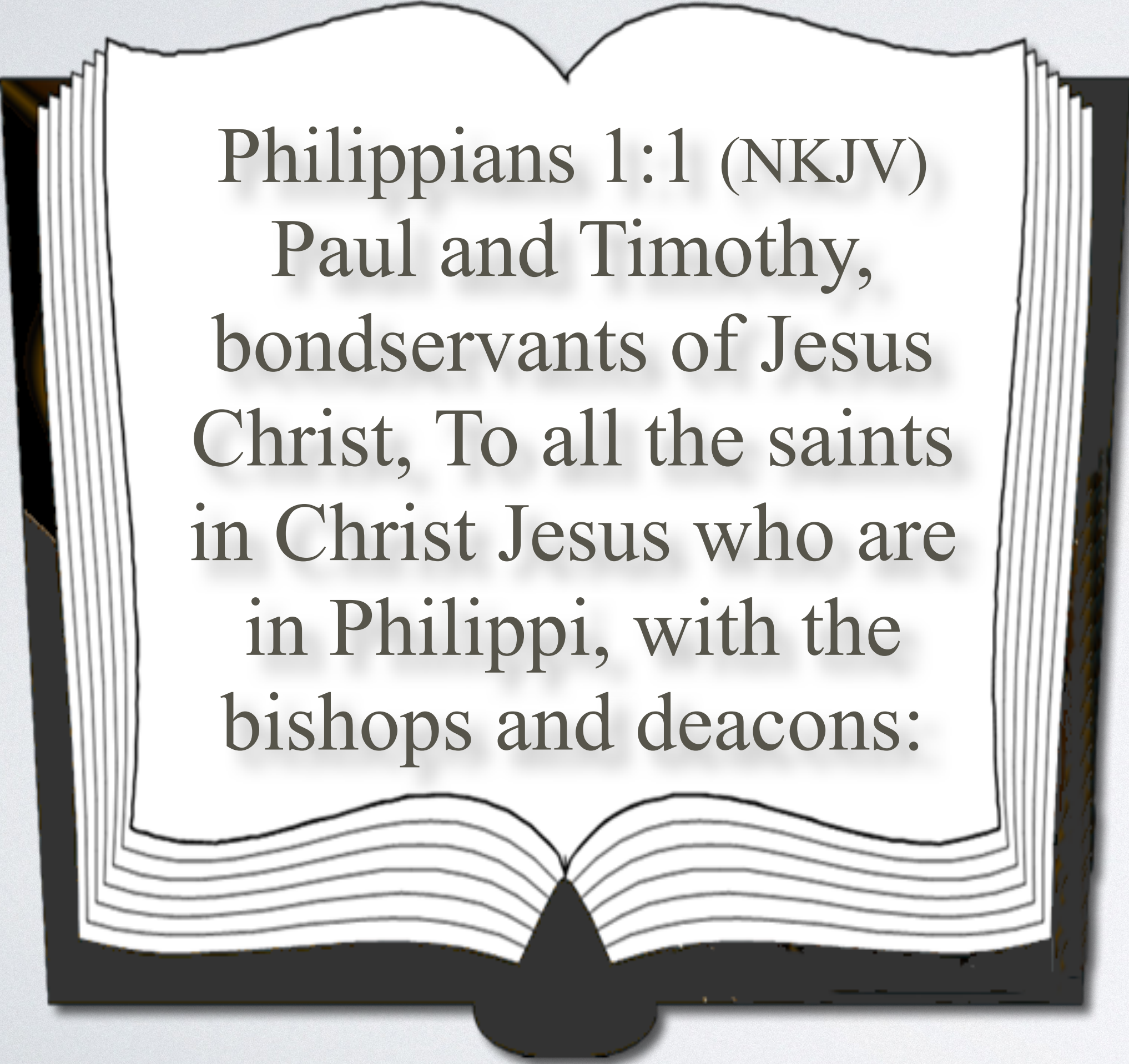
IS IT A CHURCH BELONGING TO CHRIST?

ONLY IF IT IS A CHURCH TRULY FOLLOWING CHRIST!



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To Be Scriptural In Organization



Philippians 1:1 (NKJV)
Paul and Timothy,
bondservants of Jesus
Christ, To all the saints
in Christ Jesus who are
in Philippi, with the
bishops and deacons:

- **Elders / Pastors / Bishops**
(Acts 14:23; 20:17,28; 1 Pet.
5:1-5; 1 Tim 3:1-7; Titus 1:5-9)
- **Deacons** (Phili 1:1; 1 Tim
3:8-13)
- **Saints** (Phili 1:1; 1 Cor 1:2; 2
Cor. 1:1; Eph 1:1; Col 1:1)

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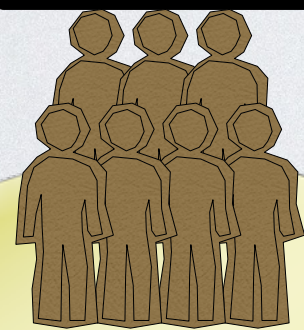


Jesus
(The Head)

Speaks through the
apostles in the
New Testament

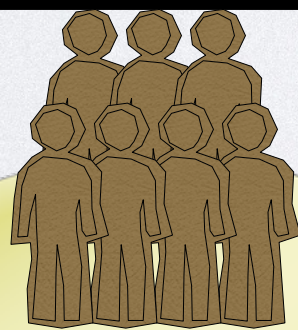
- Local church autonomy
- A plurality of pastors (bishops; elders), over each local church (1 Pet 5:1,2; Acts 14:23; Tit 1:5)

Elders



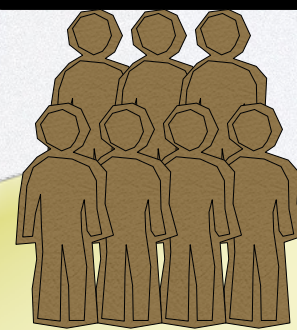
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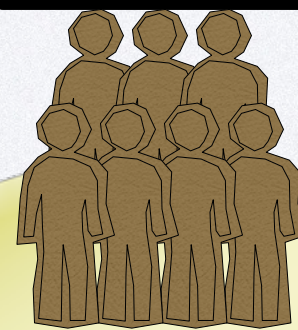
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To Be Scriptural In Worship

John 4:24 (NKJV)

²⁴ God *is* Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.”



- ▶ **Observing The Lord's Supper** (First day of the week) (Acts 20:7; 1 Cor 11:23-26)
- ▶ **Studying God's Word** (Acts 20:7; Col 4:16)
- ▶ **Praying** (Acts 4:23-31; Eph 6:18)
- ▶ **Singing** (Eph 5:19; Col. 3:16)
- ▶ **Giving** (First day of the week) (1 Cor 16:1,2)

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- ▶ Singing without an instrument can be done by faith (2 Cor 5:10; Rom 10:17; Jude 3)
- ▶ The N.T. does NOT authorize the use of mechanical instruments in worship to God.
- ▶ History confirms that Mechanical instruments were NOT used in the NT church.

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To Be Scriptural In Work



- ▶ **Edification** of the church (Eph 4:11-16)
- ▶ **Benevolence** to needy saints (Ro 15:25-26)
- ▶ **Evangelism** (Acts 13:1-3)
- ▶ **Nothing else** (Col. 3:17; Deut. 4:2; Rev. 22:18,19)

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- ▶ Many churches engage in things that can't be found in the NT
- Entertainment (*music / emotionalism*)
 - Recreation (*Family Life Centers / sports*)
 - Social / community Services / Secular Education
 - Political activism ...

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**Our plea is for a complete return to the pattern
revealed in the New Testament:**

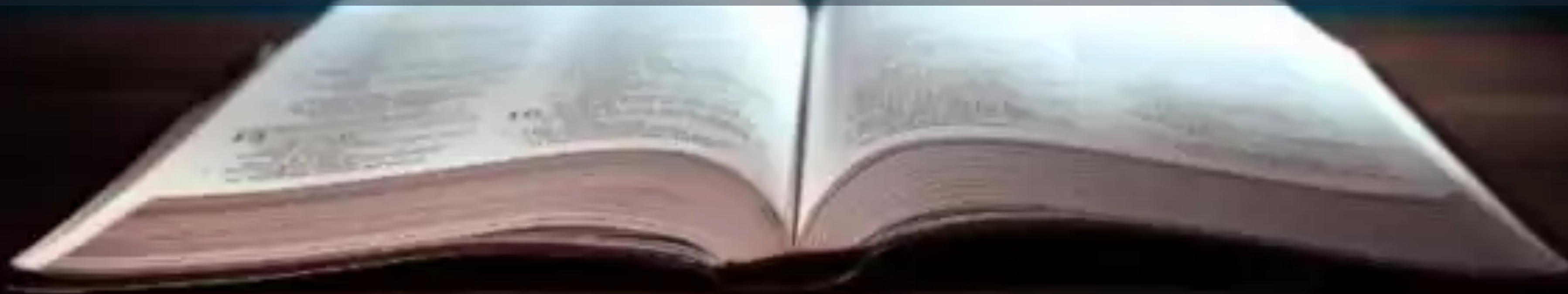
Back to the Bible — Book Chapter & Verse -

Everything the scriptures teach -

Nothing the scriptures do not authorize

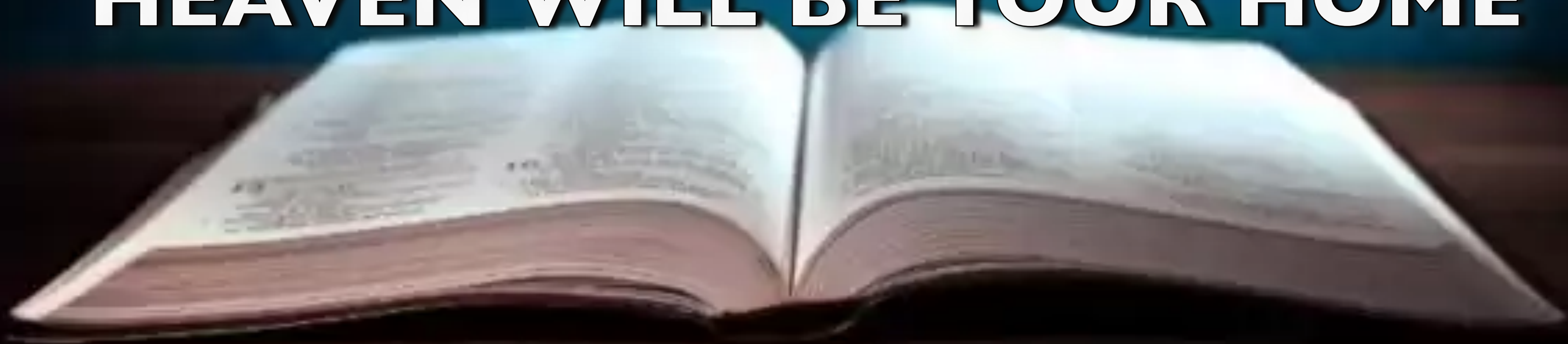
Call Bible things by Bible names /

Do Bible things in Bible ways



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**BELIEVE AND OBEY GOD'S WORD
DO IT TODAY AND CONTINUE
HEAVEN WILL BE YOUR HOME**



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Jeremiah 23:16–22 (NKJV)

¹⁶ Thus says the Lord of hosts: “Do not listen to the words of the prophets who prophesy to you. They make you worthless; They speak a vision of their own heart, Not from the mouth of the Lord. ¹⁷ They continually say to those who despise Me, ‘The Lord has said, “You shall have peace” ’; And *to* everyone who walks according to the dictates of his own heart, they say, ‘No evil shall come upon you.’ ”

Jeremiah 23:16–22 (NKJV)

¹⁸ For who has stood in the counsel of the Lord, And has perceived and heard His word? Who has marked His word and heard *it*? ¹⁹ Behold, a whirlwind of the Lord has gone forth in fury— A violent whirlwind! It will fall violently on the head of the wicked. ²⁰ The anger of the Lord will not turn back Until He has executed and performed the thoughts of His heart. In the latter days you will understand it perfectly.

Jeremiah 23:16–22 (NKJV)

²¹ “I have not sent these prophets, yet they ran. I have not spoken to them, yet they prophesied. ²² But if they had stood in My counsel, And had caused My people to hear My words, Then they would have turned them from their evil way And from the evil of their doings.