

LITTLE WORDS – LARGE TRUTHS

Introduction

- 1) God revealed His mind through **words** (1 Cor. 2:13; Eph. 3:3-4)
- 2) Words are the vehicles of communication and have meanings – big words and little words
- 3) All words are important, and little words can have big meanings
 - a) We must pay careful attention to the word of truth (Col. 1:5; 2 Tim. 2:15)
- 4) In the Scriptures, **little words** help teach **large truths**, and we should be aware of them

I) “ALL”

- A) **ALL** truth was revealed by the Holy Spirit to the apostles (Jn. 16:13; Eph. 3:3-5)
 - 1) No additional, latter-day truth to be revealed after the time of the apostles
- B) **ALL** Scripture is given by the inspiration of God (2 Tim. 3:16)
 - 1) God, not man, decided the contents of His revelation (Bible)
- C) God desires **ALL** men to be saved (1 Tim. 2:4; 2 Pet. 3:9)
 - 1) Refutes “unconditional election” (God unconditionally chose certain ones to be saved)
- D) Jesus has **ALL** authority and is preeminent in **ALL** things (Matt. 28:18; Col. 1:15-18)
 - 1) Jesus must be made Lord of all parts of our lives

II) “NOT” and “NO”

- A) The first recorded commandment from God to man involved a “**NOT**” (Gen. 2:17)
 - 1) Important to listen to God’s word and *not* listen to deceivers (Gen. 3:1-4)
- B) Gave **NO** such commandment (Acts 15:24)
 - 1) It important to act only with God’s authority (command, example, necessary inference)
- C) **NO** other name than Jesus by which man is saved (Acts 4:12)
 - 1) Other names (Buddha, Mohammad, Moses, etc) will *not* save
- D) A different gospel than Christ’s is **NOT** just another gospel to follow (Gal. 1:6-7)
 - 1) It would be a perverted gospel – false, accursed, deceptive, and deadly (Jn. 14:6)

III) “AND”

- A) Belief, repentance, **AND** baptism all necessary to be saved (Mk. 16:16; Acts 2:38)
 - 1) Cannot separate what God has “joined together”!
 - 2) Leaving out what God has commanded is a serious error (Matt. 23:23)
- B) Grow in grace **AND** knowledge (2 Pet. 3:18)
 - 1) Many desire God’s grace but are not interested in His knowledge!

IV) “DO”

- A) Whatever we **DO** (in word or deed) must have divine authority (Col. 3:17)
- B) What we **DO** is the basis of living the “Golden Rule” (Matt. 7:12)
- C) Wise and foolish men are characterized by **DOING** or **NOT DOING** (Matt. 7:24-27)
- D) Must be **DOERS** of the word, and not hearers only (Jas. 1:22; 2 Cor. 5:10)

Conclusion

V) “IF” and “COME”

- A) **IF** we add to or take away from His word, God is displeased (Rev. 22:18-19)
- B) **IF** we love Jesus, we will keep His commandments (Jn. 14:15)
- C) The invitation of Jesus to *all* sinners is to **COME** to Him (Matt. 11:28-30)
- D) All sinners must **COME** to the water of life that God freely provides in Jesus (Rev. 22:17)

Will you **COME** and be a citizen of God’s kingdom? **IF** you hear, believe, repent, confess, and be baptized for forgiveness of sins, you will be saved and added to the saved, the church!